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10 pct. cost-share for CNMI OK'd

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President Barack Obama has approved a lower cost-share for the CNMI government as recovery and relief efforts continue in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the President signed Tuesday the decision to lower the cost-share to 10 percent, from the original 25 percent.

"We need all the good news we can get right now. The President's decision to have the federal government cover

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Dynasty casino closure hurts Tinian govt jobs

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REPORTER

» Casino won't open after three-week suspension

The temporary closure of casino operations at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino not only resulted in more than 100 employees being laid off but it also caused the non-renewal of jobs at the Municipality of Tinian, according to Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas.

He said a number of Tinian municipal employees would not be renewed so long as the casino doors remain shuttered.

Casino revenues provide funding for 43 positions within the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, Tinian Mayor's Office, and the Office of the Tinian Municipal Council.

"It is with a heavy heart and great disappointment that I inform you, that I may be unable to renew any employment contracts that are funded by our gaming industry. For as long as Dynasty's casino floors remain

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2 ex-convicts are accused of siphoning off fuel from cars

Cabrera

Castro

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Police arrested early yesterday morning at an apartment in Sadog Tasi two ex-convicts who allegedly siphoned gasoline from parked vehicles.

Vincent P. Cabrera, 38, and Bentor J. Castro, 40, were detained at the Department of Corrections for burglary and theft charges. They are expected to be taken to Superior Court today for bail hearing.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong disclosed that a person called 911 after seeing the sus-

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NMC takes a pounding; some 18 buildings damaged

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» Hart assures classes will start on Sep. 28

The Northern Marianas College sustained significant damage when Typhoon Soudelor hit over three weeks ago, losing the use of several buildings to destructive winds and rain.

College deans and staff have pooled together to clean up the mess left over by the storm in preparation for Sep. 28, the targeted date for the start of the fall semester, says college president Dr. Sharon Hart.

NMC met with the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Monday, effectively beginning the 60-day time period where they can submit a request for public infrastructure assistance from the federal agency.

Hart told *Saipan Tribune* that they have no estimate yet on the cost of damage to their campus. This will be determined once a FEMA on-site project specialist arrives.

She calls damage to the college "significant."

Of some 18 buildings that sustained damage from the storm, about four are "inoperable," according to Hart. This includes the college gym, which sustained damage to its roof and floor.

The lab rooms for the college's research and extension services also lost its roof and suffered structural damage.

Hart says most of the damage, though,

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Typhoon Soudelor left several of NMC's buildings inoperable. One of these buildings, or "Building H," is seen here with its roof torn off a day after the storm hit. The building houses the college's snack bar.
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Local

TSL Complex's REM Center to be used as VOAD warehouse

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The TSL Complex's REM Center has been made available by Tan Holding Corp. as the warehouse to be used by the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster for various donations that will be coming in from off island.

"Anything that's not dedicated to a particular organization will be stored there," vice president for corporate business development Alex Sablan said.

According to Sablan, this will be where inventorying and repacking will be done prior to distribution.

Tan Holdings will let the VOAD make use of the REM Center for a month.

Sablan said the center is expected to be utilized starting this week.

FEMA and the Seventh Day Adventist Donations Management Team, who were requested by the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos to provide technical assistance and support for nonprofit donation management, already visited the site and began the planning to bring it into full operation.

They are working on moving donations from various locations to the warehouse. They are also working on the volunteer force to manage the site.

Prior to their departure from Saipan, members of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit also used the REM Center as their temporary housing facility.

Some of the Marines aboard the USS *Ashland* stayed there for two weeks.

The use of REM Center, which serves as one of many of Tan Holding's contribution to relief efforts on island, is worth $10,000 for both projects.

"We didn't charge anything for those," Sablan said.

Dad accused of punching his daughter acquitted

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has acquitted Patrick Norita Dowai of charges that he repeatedly punched his 16-year-old daughter and grabbed her hair when she returned home at 2am.

At a bench trial on Monday, Camacho granted assistant public defender Matthew Meyer's motion to acquit Dowai, 58, after the government rested its case.

Camacho ruled that the government has failed to prove the charge of assault and battery beyond a reasonable doubt.

"For sure, something happened on that night. Whether what happened was criminal—maybe. But 'maybe' is not what the Constitution requires. The Constitution requires 'firmly convince beyond a reasonable doubt,'" the judge said.

In this case, Camacho said, Dowai was in the process of disciplining his 16-year-old daughter for coming home at 2am, spanked her back twice while trying to spank her buttocks and inadvertently grabbed her hair while trying to steady her.

For some parents, Camacho said, the situation might not even register as something to warrant discipline.

Camacho said the law, however, allows a parent in the process of disciplining a child to administer corporal punishment.

The judge said the prosecution has not shown that the father went far beyond the level of acceptable, reasonable, and traditional punishment.

Camacho said Dowai has rules that his daughters are not allowed to have boyfriends until they finish high school and college.

Dowai found out that his daughter has a boyfriend.

On May 9, 2015, the daughter asked if she could go to the Taste of the Marianas. Dowai agreed only if one of his elder sons will chaperone and make sure that they return before midnight.

At the Taste of the Marianas, the daughter met with the boyfriend. The elder son returned home without his sister. Dowai instructed his son to go and bring the daughter home. At 2am, the daughter arrived alone without the elder brother.

Dowai was upset and lectured his daughter and attempted to discipline her by spanking her using an open hand.

Camacho said the daughter

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US govt files forfeiture action for Dynasty's $2.5M payment

The U.S. government has filed a civil action for the forfeiture of $2.5 million that the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino has agreed to pay as part of the $3.03 million settlement of a criminal case.

Assistant U.S. attorneys Marivic P. David, Russell Lorfing, and Ross Naughton, as counsel for the U.S. government, filed the complaint Friday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

The prosecutors asked the court to enter a judgment in the U.S. government's favor to enforce the forfeiture of the $2.5 million.

Tinian Dynasty has agreed to forfeit the $2.5 million to the U.S. government pursuant to a non-prosecution agreement.

Last month, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed without prejudice the criminal charges against the owner of Tinian Dynasty, Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd., based on the U.S. government's request.

Dismissed without prejudice means the prosecution can refile the charges in the future.

The new owners of Hong Kong Entertainment and the U.S. government have agreed not to prosecute the criminal case against HKE in exchange for HKE's forfeiture of $3.03 million.

The parties entered into a non-prosecution agreement that requires Tinian Dynasty to forfeit $3,036,969.12—the largest forfeiture ever collected by the U.S. in the CNMI. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Last day of registration for NAP disaster aid today

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Today is the last day of registration for the Disaster Program of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Nutritional Assistance Program.

According to NAP, registration for the Disaster Program at the NAP Office in As Lito will close at 8pm.

"Disaster Program applicants must register at the designated Disaster Program booth. DCCA NAP will not be accepting registrations after Aug. 26," NAP said.

NAP stressed that although registration will end, they will continue to issue disaster benefits to all registered households over the next few days. They will serve households registered according to a number system.

Today, those who are already registered and have numbers D1501 to D2300 will be served by NAP. On Thursday, numbers D2301 to D3100 will be accommodated while on Friday, those who are holding D3101 to D3900 will be served.

NAP director Walter Macaranas said the same eligibility guidelines are still being used and rumors that it is being waived are not true.

In order to meet the ongoing need, DCCA NAP will be open until 8pm daily. They are aiming to serve 800 registered disaster program applicants per day.

For the Supplemental Program, which is for NAP recipients, any household that has not yet received its supplemental benefit for August 2015 may apply at the NAP office.

NAP reminds households that are already receiving the maximum benefit for their household size that they will not be eligible for a supplement.

As of Aug. 24, only six households were denied due to excess income/resources for those who hold TCDs, savings bonds, cash on hand, savings and/or checking that are $2,000 and beyond for all households and $3,000 for households with at least one member aged 55 years or older.

NAP Coupons and Disaster Coupons issued beginning Aug. 20, 2015, will expire on Sept. 30, 2015. The restriction of NAP Local Coupons to purchase only local food commodities has been lifted, which means it can be used to purchase imported food items and eligible items up to the expiry date.

Ambrose Bennett arrested for domestic violence

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Ambrose M. Bennett, a retired teacher and advocate for the legalization of marijuana in the CNMI, was arrested for domestic violence and taken to Superior Court yesterday for bail hearing.

Bennett, 64, was arrested for disturbing the peace, assault with a dangerous weapon, and criminal mischief.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a $6,500 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for Sept. 2 at 9am.

Kim-Tenorio noted that there are three potential victims in the case: Bennett's wife, her sister, and an infant. The judge also cited the seriousness of the charges as it involves a hammer or an ax.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was temporarily appointed as counsel for Bennett until such time it could be determined whether he is qualified or not for court-appointed counsel.

Bennett told the court that he currently works for Senate President Victor Hocog (Ind-Rota) as a consultant for legislative matters.

When asked what specific legislative matters, Bennett replied it's for legalization of marijuana in the Commonwealth.

Police detective Vincent A. Igisaiar stated in his report that Bennett allegedly got mad on Sunday night when his wife told him that she was going back to her parents' house in Gualo Rai to help take care of her sick father.

Bennett went out of their house in Kagman 3 and allegedly hit the hood of his sister-in-law's car with a hammer. At the time, the sister-in-law was inside the car with her infant baby.

The wife shouted at Bennett. When he turned with his raised hand, she thought he was going to hit her with it. She ran inside the car and Bennett followed and allegedly hit the side of the vehicle with the hammer again.

When the wife's sister came out of the car and shouted at Bennett, the latter returned to the house.

Bennett shouted at them to get out. The wife and her sister left the house.

The wife later called the Department of Public Safety and reported her husband attacked her with what she believed at the time was an ax.

Police responded and arrested Bennett at 9:15pm.

The wife said she came to the house with her sister to drop off clothes from the laundry. She said Bennett got mad when she told him she was not staying.

The wife told police that they are having marital issues, but it was the first time that Bennett "has exploded this much."

She said she is staying in Gualo Rai because of her father's health condition.

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*To schedule your placement test, call 234-5484 or email Date/time preference to queanna.sablan@marianas.edu or isabel.matsunaga@marianas.edu. Each of the testing times listed above can accommodate a maximum of 60 students.

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Sept. 11 @ 9am – For new & Readmitted Students
Sept. 12 @ 9am – For new & Readmitted Students
Sept. 14 @ 9am – International Students Orientation

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Registration for Classes
Sept. 8-11 Registration for Ongoing Students (Alphabetized Priority)
Sept. 14-25 – Registration for New, Readmitted, and Ongoing Students

First Day of Classes for Fall 2015
September 28, 2015

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December 19, 2015

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December 21-24, 2015

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January 19, 2016

INFO SESSION for NEW AND ONGOING STUDENTS:
August 29, 2015 (Saturday)
10am for Ongoing Students
11am for New/Potential Students
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The dates listed above have been determined based on an expected timeline for the completion of important repair and renovation work necessitated by Typhoon Soudelor. The dates and times may change; please visit www.marianas.edu for more updated information or email manny.castro@marianas.edu.

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90 percent of the recovery cost is certainly good news," Sablan said.

He said the Federal Emergency Management Agency makes the recommendation to the President to adjust the local share when costs go above $136 per person.

"With 53,000 people in the Northern Marianas, that threshold was $7.2 million," he said.

"FEMA informed the congressional office in Washington today that obligations had already reached $14.7 million," Sablan said, adding that "so we knew that adjustment would be under consideration, and we let the White House know that we definitely supported lowering the amount the Northern Marianas would have to pay."

The reduction covers three categories of assistance: public assistance (immediate emergency needs, and rebuilding and replacing infrastructure), hazard mitigation (fortifying against future storms), and other needs assistance (furniture and personal belongings and some uninsured medical expenses).

Discussions

A statement from Gov. Eloy S. Inos said President Obama's decision to amend Executive Order 12148 to increase the federal share for FEMA assistance from 75 percent to 90 percent of total eligible costs came in response to "numerous discussions between Inos and federal agencies."

Inos said the letter from the President quoted W. Craig Fugate, the administrator of FEMA, stating that, "…the damage in certain areas of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands resulting from Typhoon Soudelor… is of sufficient severity and magnitude that special cost sharing arrangements are warranted regarding federal funds."

"Therefore I amend my declaration of Aug. 5, 2015, to authorize federal funds for all categories of Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act at 90 percent of total eligible costs."

Inos thanked Obama for the decision.

"The damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor was extensive and affected the lives of all of us. The true extent and the human toll of this natural disaster increases every day as more and more long-term recovery work gets underway. On behalf of the people of the CNMI, I extend my sincere appreciation to our President who recognized the dire needs expressed in our discussions, and allowed for more federal dollars to assist in rebuilding and recovery of our islands," Inos said.

FEMA updates

Sablan, meanwhile, said of the $14.7 million obligated to date, FEMA told him that $8.4 million has gone to help individuals and households, and $6.25 million has been used for debris removal, food, water, shelter, and other emergency needs.

Only $50,000 has so far been used for rebuilding infrastructure.

FEMA also reported that 7,212 people have now applied for assistance and that FEMA has completed inspections of 1,293 properties that were damaged by Typhoon Soudelor.

"We still have a long road to recovery. But without this federal assistance we would be in much worse shape," Sablan said.

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occurred in buildings for support services. Most classrooms were spared.

"The vast majority of all our classrooms have staved damage," she said.

Hart said college deans and staff have been working tirelessly night and day and on weekends to get the college back on its feet.

She thanked John Guerrero, director of NMC facilities, and other staff for their effort.

She said they've cut the time to begin class again almost "in half" because of the amount of effort they have put in.

"We will be definitely be operable and ready by Sep. 28," Hart told *Saipan Tribune.*

Damage

In a meeting with FEMA, the college provided a draft damage assessment report for the campus.

Hart said they will have to do more structural analysis, and will have to solve the mold that is starting to appear on a lot of their walls as many rooms have lost air-conditioning and are exposed to the rain and weather.

Hart said they would be doing individual or different projects for each damaged building—not the entire campus.

The college, for example, will have to determine the exact age of the damaged buildings. The college was reportedly built around 1955 as a semi-concrete hospital.

Hart said Building E—or the college's bookstore—sustained "significant roof damage." Its electrical also needs to be checked.

Building F and G—the college's research and extension labs—have "extremely significant" roof and structural damage. They are inoperable. The college believes they are damaged beyond use.

Hart said they learned from FEMA that if a building is more than 50 percent significantly damaged, then they may have to look at replacement, adding that these are some issues the college will explore with FEMA's project specialist.

Building D—which held some classrooms—had roof damage.

Building H, which houses the college's snack bar, is inoperable and severely damaged beyond use.

Building I—which held some student services offices—sustained roof and water damage.

Building J—the college's student center—sustained roof damage.

The business department offices in Building J also had water damage.

NMC's Building K took some roof damage. The college's Building L—which held college offices and a warehouse—took roof damage. Building M also sustained minor roof damage.

Building N had primarily water leaks.

Building O—which holds the college library and archives—lost its central air-conditioning system. Building P—which holds Hart's office and the administration offices—also lost its central air-conditioning.

Building R took some roof and structural damage. It sustained damage beyond use and will be inoperable.

Building T—which held Adult Education classes—took some roof damage.

Building V and W—classrooms and labs for V—had water damage.

Building W—the computer lab—had water damage.

The NMC gym suffered major roof and floor damage, making it inoperable.

Three college extension services vehicles were also significantly damaged by the storm.

Moving forward

Hart said less-than-half a dozen buildings weren't significantly impacted by Typhoon Soudelor—but even in those buildings, they are finding "significant rodent and pest infestation."

She noted that they are working hard to make the college operable.

When asked about the typhoon's possible impact on enrollment numbers, Hart said it was still the "perfect time" for people to come together and consider college.

The island has seen small businesses close doors as an islandwide power outage persists since the typhoon hit weeks ago.

Noting that 90 percent of those who do enroll at NMC are qualified for financial aid, Hart said they are planning concerted efforts to reach out to villages.

"…So people might be able to ultimately get that education going down the road that will help them with their career, and continue on with their lives," Hart said.

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closed, so will our municipal coffers that support our ability to employ our people," San Nicolas said.

Not only has the casino's closure affected the Tinian municipality, it has also affected casino employees.

Hong Kong Entertainment consultant Christopher Bishop told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that approximately 135 Tinian Dynasty employees were laid off due to the casino's temporary closure. HKE is the owner of Tinian Dynasty.

Tinian Dynasty remains the largest private employer providing funds to several government agencies, according to Bishop, who used to be the general manager of Tinian Dynasty.

"HKE is working through a large downturn on the business factor—and we have a lot of tour groups having two-island tour packages—due to the issue on Saipan. It's drastic," Bishop said.

However, he said Tinian Dynasty's hotel and restaurant operations are still open.

Nighttime flights at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport were stopped for a time after Typhoon Soudelor battered the airport's instruments.

After that was resolved, however, maintenance of the airport's specialized fire truck has prevented big planes from coming into the hub, which in turn cancelled flights to Saipan and ultimately stopped tour packages to Tinian.

Bishop also clarified that Tinian Dynasty's casino won't reopen after three weeks, which was the timeline given by the Tinian casino commission.

"There isn't a specific time. TCGCC put the casino on suspension for three weeks but it doesn't mean the casino will open at the end of three weeks," he said.

Bishop also clarified that the casino closure is not connected to the $75-million penalty levied on Tinian Dynasty in June this year.

While the casino is closed, Tinian Dynasty is doing its best to be a responsible employer, he said.

"We're doing the best we can for the employees that were displaced. We're giving them free rent and free meals at the staff cafeteria and we've also put a program to provide for any of the children that are entering school by taking care of their school supplies and we're doing what we can to ease the pain but we have to move forward as a business," he said.

"We're trying to put the employees to good use, ready when the time comes for the casino to reopen," he added.

Unpaid salaries

Displaced casino employees also got a double whammy of sorts: Not only have they lost their jobs, they are also waiting for their latest salaries to be paid.

Through social media, several former Tinian Dynasty employees claimed that their salaries have yet to be paid.

Bishop declined to comment on the matter further, but noted they got paid on Aug. 14 before the news of the layoffs broke.

Community, programs affected

Due to shortage of funds caused by the casino's closure, all community programs of the Tinian Mayor's Office might also be suspended.

"In light of our current situation, I am also anticipating the suspension of all community programs such as our supplemental medical referral assistance, youth programs, and other community events until such time that funds become available," San Nicolas said.

He said the Tinian local budget funds programs and activities such as youth sports and recreation activities, Tinian's annual Pika Festival, maintenance of Tinian's tourist sites, and the operation of the Tinian Guest House on Saipan, which accommodates residents of Tinian currently undergoing dialysis treatment.

"The Tinian leadership is working hard and swiftly to identify, reprioritize, and reallocate funds to help us make ends meet until such time that we are able to begin realizing revenues from our gaming industry," San Nicolas said.

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pects in the act of siphoning gas from a parked van at Retsa Horizon Apartment in Sadog Tasi at 4:50am.

When responding police officers Rudolfo Hermosilla and Norris Kwon arrived at the scene, they saw a white Ford Econoline van parked in front of the apartment building.

The officers noticed a 5-gallon water container next to the gas tank with a garden hose routed from under the vehicle into the container.

A green Toyota T100 pick-up truck was parked near the van. Seated inside the truck were Cabrera and Castro.

Tarkong said the witness came forward and provided police a statement identifying Cabrera and Castro as the persons stealing gasoline out of the van.

During an interview with a police detective, Tarkong said, one of the suspects confessed to siphoning gas from the van and from another vehicle at another place earlier that night.

Tarkong said the suspect admitted to stealing gasoline from another van parked at Sandy Beach Homes Condominium in Chalan Kanoa.

Police towed the suspects' truck to DPS for safekeeping.

Tarkong said the gas container, hoses, fuel pump, and a knife that were all found at the apartment in Sadog Tasi were confiscated as evidence.

Officers inspected the van in the Sadog Tasi incident and discovered that the fuel line under it was cut and a garden hose was attached to the cut fuel line. The other end of the hose was attached to the container.

Tarkong said officers proceeded to Sandy Beach Homes Condominium in Chalan Kanoa, where one of the suspects directed them to the van that they earlier siphoned.

Tarkong said one of the suspects admitted that they used a mechanical pump found on the bed of their Toyota T100 pickup truck to pump out the gas from the van.

Tarkong urged any other victims of a similar gas siphoning incidents to contact police detective Catherine Pangelinan at 664-9001 as the same suspects may be involved.

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testified that she moved her body and in the process was hit in the back. Dowai again tried to spank her but she moved her body and got hit in the back again.

The judge said the daughter testified that at some point, her father grabbed her hair. She told the court that her father held on to her hair to steady her.

The daughter testified that she did not require any medical care or treatment, and at some point she went to bed. She did not think the situation warranted calling the police.

Later that same night, Dowai's wife came home and after the daughter told her about what happened, she called the police and had criminal charges filed against him.

In Dowai's motion for judgment of acquittal, assistant public defender Meyer said it is a privilege for parents to discipline their children within certain parameters. The facts showed that Dowai acted well within those parameters, he said.

Citing the girl's testimony that she was hit with open hands, Meyer said it would be a different matter if Dowai hit her with fists.

In the government's opposition to the motion, assistant attorney general Chester Hinds said the defendant's actions stopped being discipline and became assault and battery, somewhere after he already punched her, hit her with a scrub, and threatened her with a bench, and along the way having her massage his feet in between.

Hinds also noted that it was the victim's mother that called the police.

Hinds said it might be argued that the victim did not have any visible injuries and therefore did not suffer bodily injury.

On the other hand, the prosecutor said, the level of injury should not be an issue in this case as visible injuries or substantial injuries are not required under assault and battery.

More villages added to those with limited water service

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said yesterday there is now limited water service for the following villages: San Antonio, Chalan Piao, Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, Oleai, San Jose, Chalan Kiya, As Teo, Navy Hill (Upper and Lower), Chinatown, Upper Miha, Sadog Tasi, Lower Base, Tanapag, As Matuis (Upper and Lower), San Roque, Capital Hill, San Vicente, Dandan, As Lito, As Gonno, Tottoville, Finasisu, Afetna, and Kagman.

Limited water service schedule

- San Antonio: 8am-1pm daily
- Chalan Piao: 8am-1pm daily
- Chalan Kanoa: Odd days: 6pm-8am Even days: 1-6pm
- Susupe: Odd days: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- Oleai: Odd days: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- San Jose: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am
- Chalan Kiya: 24 hours (lower elevations only)
- Navy Hill (Upper): 11am-2pm daily
- Navy Hill (Lower): 8am-11am daily
- Chinatown: 2pm-4pm daily
- As Teo: 24 hours daily
- As Matuis: 12pm – 4pm daily
- San Roque: 8am-12pm daily
- San Vicente 1: 8am-1pm
- San Vicente 2: 12p-5pm
- Lower Base: 9am-1pm
- Tanapag: 9am-1pm daily
- Sadog Tasi: 9am-1pm daily
- Tottoville: 8am-11am ODD DAYS
- Koblerville 1B: 12pm-3pm ODD DAYS
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- As Gonno: 8am-11am daily EVEN DAYS
- Kagman IV: 9am - 11am daily
- Kagman I: 10am - 12pm daily
- Kagman II: 10am - 12pm daily
- Kagman III Phase I: 10am - 12pm daily
- Kagman III Phase II: 12pm - 2pm daily
- Kagman III Phase III: 2pm - 4pm daily
- As Lito: 1pm-7pm daily
- Dandan Homestead: 8am-5pm (higher elevations) daily
- Dandan Homestead: 9:30am-6pm (lower elevations) daily
- Obyan: 9:30am-6pm daily
- Airport Road: 10:30am-5:30pm daily
- Finasisu: 12:30pm-6:30pm daily

Capital Hill is broken up into three sections:

- CH 1: 8am-2pm daily (East Isa Dr. from Sarah Market to Kagman Mobil Gas Station (including Atbut Dr., Egigi Dr., Ifet Dr., Chunge Pl., Fakpe PL., and Fahang Dr.).
- CH 2: 12pm-7pm (1200 block and the filling station)
- CH 3: 12pm-3pm 1300 block, Wireless Ridge, West Isa Dr. to Haat PL., and Chalan Talafofo. *1200 block will receive water up to 7pm due to the filling station).
- CH 4: 2pm-7pm (Papago Dr., Sosugi Dr., Isa Dr. from Ahgaga Dr. to Mulberry Ln.).

*All times are subject to change based on the volume of water coming into the tank

Challenges

- Gualo Rai: CUC has thus far not been able to provide water to the village of Gualo Rai. Despite making repairs to the access road to the wells we initially identified to produce water for the area, we have not found a vehicle capable of carrying the generators to the site because the steep grade and poor conditions.

We have now identified secondary wells (151 and 154) to produce water for the area. CUC is working with Parks and Recreation to cut and move a large tree that damaged a well. Once access is gained and repairs to the facility are completed, the FEMA generators will be installed and activated by FEMA contractors.

- Garapan: The Puerto Rico reservoir supplies water for the village of Garapan and thus far, filling the reservoir has posed a challenge. The Puerto Rico wells are online; however, they do not produce enough water to fill the tank alone.

We have brought water down from Capital Hill, but the pressure of the water is so great that we must exercise extreme caution to prevent the pressure from damaging our lines. Because of this, we are only able to transfer up to five feet of water to Puerto Rico from Capital Hill per day.

Once a more reliable method of filling the Puerto Rico tank becomes available, CUC will be able to provide the village of Garapan with a consistent supply of water.

Water testing areas

Engineers and Operations personnel continue testing the following areas: Kannat Tabla (including Fina Sisu, As Terlaje and upper elevations of Chalan Kiya); and Dandan (including As Lito and Afetnas) As engineers and operations personnel receive results, an established schedule for limited water service will be released.

Given the challenges to water production and distribution posed by Typhoon Soudelor, it is critical for the community to immediately notify CUC of any water leaks. To report water leaks, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (4282).

Water filling stations

CUC continues to provide up to 100 gallons of water per household per day at filling stations across Saipan. Residential customers may fill their containers in As Teo, Capital Hill, Kannat Tabla, and Navy Hill. Each site is open daily from 12pm to 7pm.

The water made available at the filling stations is strictly for non-commercial residential use. No water buffaloes will be filled.

The Capital Hill filling station will cease operations beginning Thursday, Aug. 27. As water becomes more readily available throughout the villages, CUC will begin to eliminate filling stations and deploy our staff to assist with other areas of the water system.

Commercial filling station

CUC has opened a commercial filling station in Chalan Kiya. Commercial customers are permitted to purchase up to 3,000 gallons per day at a rate of $.72 per 1,000 gallons. To avail of this service, commercial customers must first make a payment at our Dandan Customer Service Center and make an appointment to fill their respective tanks.

Shelter filling stations

CUC has identified two locations for the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services to escort tanker trucks that will provide water for the emergency shelters. These services are available by appointment only and are for the sole purpose of supplying water to the shelters.

As a precaution, all water provided by CUC will need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

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Latte Training Academy contributes to disaster relief

The Latte Training Academy, Inc. donated over $2,500 in water to Saipan residents over the course of the past week. Saipan residents who arrived at various water company locations last week were given $10 worth of water or ice paid for by the organization. Water was also donated and distributed in partnership with other non-profit organizations across the island.

"We didn't want to create additional logistical problems with all the relief efforts going on, so the board of directors authorized a disbursement of funds directly to the various water companies across the island. We asked that when their customers arrived, they were provided $10 toward their total purchase. We understood that at the onset of the relief efforts, water and fuel were the two most pressing needs. As such, we opted to aid in the provision of water to families across the island," said Latte Training Academy board secretary Tina Palacios.

Those residents who didn't have transportation or live in hard to reach locations were provided water through the work of the recently established non-profit organization, United 4 Saipan.

"We certainly appreciate and support the work of United 4 Saipan. We hope to continue to work with them throughout the recovery period and beyond. The hard work of Ms. Jenny Hegland and the rest of United 4 Saipan team is something that we recognize and appreciate," said LTA president John Blanco.

The Latte Training Academy, a non-profit that focuses on workforce development, also plans on providing additional aid once students return to school. The aid may come in the form of school supply vouchers at the local retailers or a direct cash contribution to the CNMI Public School System.

"While we cannot provide a substantial cash contribution relative to the needs of the island and school system as a whole, we take the approach that every little bit helps. We will gladly help in any way we can, but we want to ensure that we support our mission and our existing partners. As PSS is a key partner to the Latte Training Academy, we certainly want to do all we can to support them," said LTA board member Erick Van Der Maas.

The Latte Training Academy recently announced a series of initiatives that it will implement in the coming year, including the launching of their Founders Scholarship Program, which will award $10,000 in college scholarships to Latte Training Academy participants for the 2015-2016 school year. Additionally, the Latte Training Academy will begin offering allied health courses to further their mission of regional workforce development.

"We are excited about the upcoming year. Although our community has been struck with disaster, we are a resilient community and we know that our citizens refuse to show signs of surrender. We hope to inspire and provide our youth and workforce with the support they need not only to move forward, but grow stronger from this experience" said Palacios. ***(PR)***

Animal shelter adoption weekend goes well

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REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office, Humane Society International, and Saipan Cares for Animals held a successful free adoption for dogs this weekend at the mayor's office's animal shelter in Lower Base.

Saipan Cares for Animals volunteer Jason Hudy said about 12 dogs were adopted last weekend.

Prior to Typhoon Soudelor and after the spay/neuter program last May, there were about 57 dogs at the shelter, which actually can only accommodate 40.

After Soudelor, a few of the cages were destroyed, leaving several dogs housed in temporary transport cages.

With no water, power and half a roof, the shelter became unfit for dogs to live in. However, the dogs were still watched over by both the staff of the dog control program and volunteers from Saipan Cares for Animals.

"A total of 36 [have been adopted] since Typhoon Soudelor. We only have 10 dogs left in the shelter right now," Hudy said.

Hudy said that Pam Dickens of HSI and a veterinarian who visited Saipan helped the shelter get back on its feet after Soudelor.

Dickens left yesterday morning.

"She was an unbelievable help the last two weeks. Not only did she help the shelter get back on its feet, she went way above and beyond, made incredible connections for us, and left the shelter in better shape than ever before," Hudy said.

He also said that although 10 dogs are manageable, help from volunteers would be great if it continues.

Aside from dogs that need to be adopted, kittens are also available at the animal shelter.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said they have sought Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance to help for repairs for the dog shelter.

Aside from FEMA's help, thanks to the Saipan Cares for Animals, a GoFundMe page (http://www.gofundme.com/3u3u8gubes) has been created to raise funds to help the animal shelter. So far the group has managed to raise more than $4,800 online from 44 donors.

The dog control program staff is also still doing its duties. Apatang said that aside from taking care of the public kennel, his staff has also taken part in post-Soudelor cleanups and road clearing.

Dogs at the animal shelter are in still need of homes and anyone interested to adopt a dog can visit the shelter in Lower Base.

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4. 2 Bedroom Concrete Houses located in Kagman Saipan – 4 units
5. Two-story 4 Bedroom Concrete House located in Sinapalo, Rota – 1 unit
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MPLT Resolution 10-10-A2 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP), under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following: 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value; 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and 3) the proposer is certified as qualified under the CNMI Homestead Program with the CNMI Department of Public Lands, Homestead Division.

The interest rate is 2% per annum fixed under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for the acquired houses listed above. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House NO. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa or at **www.mplt.gov.mp**

The deadline for submission of proposals for any of the houses is **Friday, August 28, 2015 at 4:00PM**.

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CHCC sees spike in incidences of flu-like illnesses

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. warned the public yesterday it is seeing an increase in influenza-like illnesses in the community.

In a health advisory, CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña and Public Health Emergency Preparedness director Warren F. Villagomez said that flu activity is widespread in most of the islands around this time of the year especially after a storm and people living in a congregated environment.

"High levels of flu activity are likely to continue for several more weeks. If you have not gotten your flu vaccination yet this season, you should get one now. A flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and the people around you from influenza and its potentially serious complications," the advisory states. "When you get vaccinated, you protect yourself, your loved ones and others in your community."

Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk for complications of influenza, such as those with a weakened immune system, pregnant women, children 6 months to 2 years old and adults 65 years and older.

The CHCC Division of Public Health highly recommends that the public follow the guidelines for seasonal flu immunization. Other than getting the flu shot, wash hands for at least 20 seconds, avoid the sick, teach about the flu, cover your cough and have a plan when there's an outbreak of influenza.

If you are already sick with the flu, contact your healthcare provider before visiting the clinic for advice. By doing this, it will help avoid exposing other people at the clinics.

To get your flu vaccination or should you have any questions about this matter, contact CHCC Immunization Program at 236-8745 from 7:30am to 4:30pm and after hours at 234-8950 or email chcpublichealth@gmail.com. ***(CHCC)***

DPS happy with Senate budget version

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REPORTER

Happy with the Senate's version of the CNMI government's budget for fiscal year 2016 that allots more to law enforcement agencies, Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero is urging the House of Representatives to adopt the Senate's version.

Deleon Guerrero told the media last week that he was briefed that the Senate has actually passed their version of the government's budget for fiscal 2016.

"Their version of the budget is obviously much more substantial in terms of providing an increase to our department's budget submission," he said.

Last Tuesday, the Senate unanimously approved the budget for fiscal 2016, which has major changes in the appropriations, particularly for DPS and other law enforcement agencies.

The Senate's version will now go back to the House for another round of review.

Deleon Guerrero said he does not believe that the Senate gave DPS everything that they asked for, but that at this point they are happy with the Senate version.

Deleon Guerrero asked the House to adopt the Senate's budget version in terms of type of increase that has been allocated to DPS.

Based on what he gathered from preliminary information, the Senate's version will allow DPS, for example, to get the additional 20 police officers that the department has been asking.

Deleon Guerrero said the Senate's version would also allow the department to retain the Information Technology staff that is currently onboard.

The commissioner underscored the importance of the IT staff considering that they have three systems in the department and that each of those actually cost over half a million dollars to acquire to begin with.

"We need to have the capacity to maintain the systems," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said the Senate version will also finally allow DPS to hire a counselor.

"With the loss of a couple of officers attributed to a very unfortunate circumstances, we want to do everything we can do to possibly prevent those incidents from occurring. That counselor is a much needed help for the staff for the employees of the department," he said.

DPS also included a salary increase in its budget submission that went the Office of Management and Budget.

However, Deleon Guerrero said when they had a particular hearing with both House and the Senate, they did a summary of what they consider top priorities.

The commissioner said they are grateful that the Senate took the salary increase into serious consideration because it's an issue.

He cited that they have police officers who have been serving in the department for almost 20 years now but have not gotten any salary adjustments.

"It's insane. Sometimes it angers me just talking about this because something has to be done," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said he is not asking for a pay raise for himself or any top level management but for the subordinates or "for the people down below because it's ridiculous."

"I will continue to fight for salary adjustments for the men and women in this department for as long as I'm the commissioner," he said.

Deleon Guerrero is hoping that as revenue base expands once the casino industry gets into full operations, DPS will get additional funding.

"We are asking for additional resources so that we can keep up with the challenges that come along with the development of the gaming and the tourism industry," he added.

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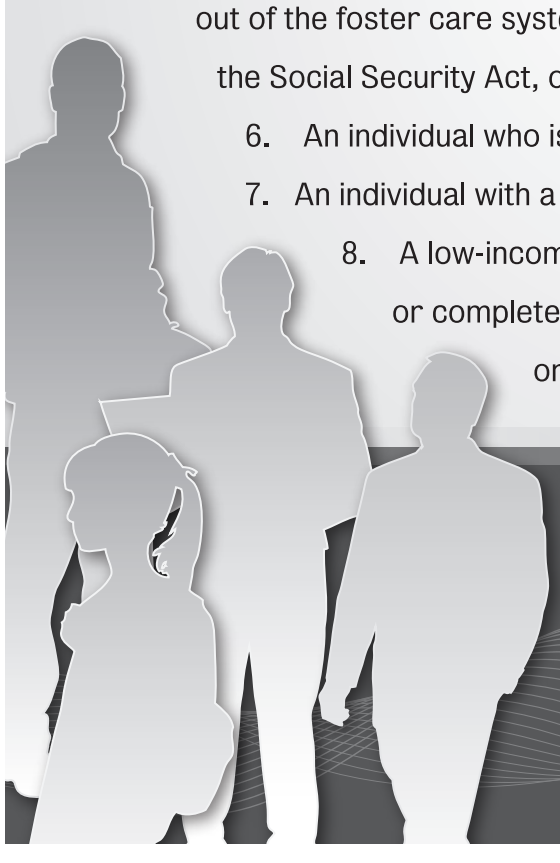

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Three more local businesses donate to Red Cross

A number of local businesses are supporting the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter following the organization's response to Typhoon Soudelor's widespread damage to Saipan last Aug. 2 and 3.

Just recently, Duty Free Shoppers donated $50,000 to the Red Cross.

Bank of Guam also donated $20,000 to the organization. The bank's vice president and branch manager, Larry Philip, says they're happy to help the people of Saipan however they can. "Supporting the Red Cross impacts the entire community; this is the right thing to do."

MARPAC also stepped up to the plate and donated $10,000.

Previous donors include Joeten DaiDai Foundation, E-Land, Best Sunshine, First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Transpac Corp., Luen Fong, Triple B Forwarders, Delta Air Lines, Ayuda Foundation (Guam), and Chinese Association (Guam).

Donations are especially needed following the NMI Chapter's announcement that their annual Club 200 Super Heroes Dinner scheduled for Oct. 3 is cancelled. This is event is a major fundraiser for the Red Cross, but employees and volunteers must focus solely on improving lives and helping those most affected by the storm. The Red Cross encourages all previous ticket buyers to support relief efforts by making a financial contribution.

Through Aug. 24, the Red Cross has served more than 6,500 people on Saipan by providing nearly 29,000 meals and snacks, more than 1,800 cleanup kits and almost 65,000 bulk items such as food, water, soap, and toilet paper. Those in need receive emotional support, health services, and household items. Those in greatest need may receive cash assistance; to date, more than 2,000 Saipan families have received financial assistance.

Local Red Cross workers say they appreciate the generosity of the Saipan community. "It's our mission to assist those in need on Saipan and we can't accomplish our mission without local support," said John Hirsh, executive director of the NMI Chapter. "Our community's support and generosity during this time of great need on the island is both necessary and much appreciated."

The community can help by donating to Red Cross Disaster Relief by visiting redcross.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. Donors can also make a donation specifically to the American Red Cross Northern Marianas Islands Chapter by emailing nmichapter@redcross.org. Donations to disaster relief will be used to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small.

Those in need and who have not already contacted the Red Cross should call 234-3459. This call is free when made with most prepaid phones. Due to high call volumes, patience is appreciated and calls after hours are preferred. Those seeking assistance should only visit the Red Cross office with an appointment. ***(ARC)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Pictured from left, Red Cross board members Larry Lee and Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, Duty Free Shoppers president Marian Aldan-Pierce, Red Cross Marianas Chapter executive director John Hirsh, Red Cross volunteers, and Red Cross emergency services director Paul Camacho.

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Pictured from left, Bank of Guam vice president and branch manager Larry Philip, Red Cross Marianas Chapter executive director John Hirsh, Bank of Guam vice president and CNMI regional manager Marci Tomokane, and Red Cross board members Tayna Belyeu-Camacho and Larry Lee.

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Pictured from left, Red Cross board members Tayna Belyeu-Camacho and Larry Lee, Red Cross Marianas Chapter executive director John Hirsh, MARPAC resident manager Guy F. Pudney, and Red Cross emergency services director Paul Camacho.

Disaster relief organizations topic at SHRM meeting

The topic for this month's Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter August general membership meeting is "FEMA, Red Cross and the Salvation Army: Organizations to assist our staff in their time of need."

The resource speakers include American Red Cross NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch, Federal Emergency and Management Agency liaison Michael Kern, and Saipan Salvation Army ministry leader pastor Wayne Gillespie.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret tomorrow, Aug. 27, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to gain information and to discuss ways that employees can gain assistance from federal and local agencies that are working to help the Commonwealth's citizens during this time of crisis. The speakers will focus on available programs and benefits, what employers can do to help employees, and the processes involved.

The presentation includes lunch at the cost of $20 for SHRM members and $30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Micah Parico-Acuavera by phone at 234-1795 or by e-mail at corpoffice@triplejsaipan.com or by e-mail to Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, visit their website at http://nmichapter.shrm.org. ***(SHRM)***

NMC info session this Saturday

As it continues its typhoon recovery efforts, Northern Marianas College is inviting new and ongoing students to an info session this Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, at the Napu Room of the Pacific Islands Club.

The session aims to give students an opportunity to learn more about planned adjustments for the upcoming fall 2015 semester, updates to the registration process, and other important enrollment information.

The event will be held from 10am to 11am for ongoing students and from 11am to 12pm for new/ potential NMC students.

Representatives from the college's counseling, financial aid, and admissions offices will be on hand to provide helpful information and answer questions. College representatives will also discuss financial aid opportunities and other initiatives.

The deadline for submitting admission applications for the fall 2015 semester is on Sept. 8, 2015. The first day of classes is scheduled for Sept. 28, 2015. Other relevant fall 2015 dates have been posted to www.marianas.edu.

Those who attend the information session will qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for NMC's upcoming fall 2015 semester—a savings of up to $75.

For more information about the information session and/or applying to NMC, contact (670) 234-5484, email oar@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Hospital off power grid again

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REPORTER

A "wiring anomaly" has forced the local hospital off the power grid, said acting Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director John Riegel.

This comes less than two weeks after CUC restored power to the hospital after Typhoon Soudelor crippled their distribution and generation capacity.

Riegel said the hospital is back on its generator.

"There is some sort of wiring anomaly that has to be solved," Riegel said, noting that this was on the "customer-side" of things.

Riegel said they have tested their system from out of their power plant to the hospital and found it "good."

They aim to troubleshoot the hospital's wiring today, according to Riegel.

He said there might be problems with their neutral wire and phasing but CUC does not have much information.

He added the hospital switched back to generator on Monday.

Meantime, more-than-half of the concrete poles that arrived last Saturday have been installed on island.

Riegel said poles have been installed at Smiling Cove down to American Memorial Park and Garapan.

He said they have installed some at the Chalan Kiya Substation, and the road to the Saipan airport.

Riegel said they have installed upwards of 50 poles since Saturday or about half of the 90 poles that arrived.

Timeframe

On power restoration timeframe, Riegel said he is looking to meet with CUC Power Manager Gary Camacho to get some details for the public on how restoration will go.

Riegel described re-energizing efforts to take place closest to their power plants, expanding beyond that to the island's main lines and into the laterals.

As for full power restoration to every single home, Riegel called this a "several-month" job.

He said some houses would need new lines from power poles to their weather heads and to meter sockets.

Saipan airport back to normal ops

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Commonwealths Ports Authority mechanics have successfully repaired a downed runway firefighting vehicle, allowing the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport to return to normal operations.

Last Friday, CPA's Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Crash 8 unit went down for maintenance, forcing CPA to restrict the sizes of planes that could come in to match their reduced response capacity.

Equipment for repairs arrived yesterday morning and CPA mechanics had the unit fixed before 10am.

CPA executive director Maryann Lizama said they received the assembly—a steering gear box—at 3am yesterday.

"Our team of mechanics and ARFF boys worked on the truck since [3:30am] until complete," she said before 10am yesterday.

With the ARFF Crash 8 Unit back online, the Saipan airport is back to "Index D" per Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, which means larger aircrafts like 747s, 777s, Airbus 380s, and Airbus 330s can now fly in to the airport.

The reduction in CPA's safety response capacity had forced them to reduce operations to "Index C."

Index C—per the FAA—indicates that aircraft between 129 feet and no more 159 feet in size are allowed to land.

Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* that she was up since 1am yesterday morning, meeting with her mechanics at the airport at 2am. From there, they waited for the assembly to clear Customs and Border Protection, before CPA's ARFF mechanics started their work.

Lizama thanked the mechanics, Joey and Roland, and gave a big thank you to all her firefighters for helping the mechanics get the Crash 8 unit back online.

The reduction of airport operations on Friday caused about 1,600 passengers to be stranded over the weekend.

One affected flight from China—Dynamic Airways—did not yet resume their flights yesterday, or schedule ones today but will resume normal operations soon, according to local representative Dennis Tse.

House rejects Senate budget version

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The House of Representatives rejected Tuesday the Senate version of the proposed CNMI government budget for fiscal year 2016.

"There are a lot of issues with it so we rejected it," Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) said without disclosing specific details.

The Senate earlier approved a budget of $145 million—the same amount as the House's—but with significant changes in terms of allocations.

According to Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), some $5.6 million have "been moved around" so that more can be given to law enforcement agencies, particularly the Department of Public Safety.

Hofschneider is chairman of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, which conducted the budget review after the Senate received the House version of the budget.

Conference committee

As with previous legislatures, the budget will now be discussed by a conference committee that will seek to hammer out a compromise budget. The committee will have representatives from both Senate and House of Representatives.

Senate President Victor C. Hocog (Ind-Rota) earlier said if the House rejects the Senate version, then there might be a need to form the committee.

According to House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), he will soon appoint members of the conference committee in consultations with the Ways and Means Committee chairman.

The budget that will be approved by the conference committee will then be sent to both the House of Representatives and the Senate before being transmitted to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for signing.

No new budget proposal

Lawmakers also discussed the possibility of scratching the proposed budget altogether and drafting a new one. The motion, however, was quickly squashed.

Deleon Guerrero said the concern of drawing another budget due to the anticipated impacts of Typhoon Soudelor is a "legitimate concern."

The suggestion was brought up by Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) of the minority bloc.

However, the House speaker said time is of the essence and that information on the financial impact of the disaster has yet to be known.

The Legislature needs to pass the budget and it should be signed before or by the end of fiscal year 2015, which is Sept. 30.

Deleon Guerrero also said the CNMI Constitution mandates that the budget be passed, with or without a disaster.

If the budget is not passed by Sept. 30, there is the potential of a government shutdown.

"We do not want this to happen, while we're still addressing the effects of this disaster," he said.

NMC Adult Basic Education program sets Session II dates

The Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education (ABE) program, which focuses on meeting the educational needs of adult learners, has announced the following revised dates for Session II that begins in October 2015.

ABE Session II Calendar

- Sept. 28-Oct. 2 and 16: CASAS assessment tests (by appointment only) 9:30am and 1pm, ABE Building T
- Oct. 5-9 2015: Open Registration 10am-4pm, ABE Office in Building T
- Oct. 12 & 13: Late Registration 9am-4pm, ABE Office in Building T
- Oct. 12-16: Add/Drop Course(s) Week 8am-5pm, ABE Office in Building T
- Oct. 13: Student Orientation 4pm-5pm, ABE Office in Building T-1
- Oct. 14: First day of instruction
- Nov. 25: Last day of instruction

New students and those who have been out of the ABE program for over a year must make an appointment at the Adult Basic Education (ABE) Office located in Building T to take the CASAS Assessment Test. Note that this schedule is subject to change. For additional information, contact ABE at 237-6713 or email velma.mafnas@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCOPS SY 2015-2016 registration process postponed until October

This is to inform all private schools that, due to the impact of Super Typhoon Soudelor, the registration process for the Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools is postponed until October. This should give all private schools enough time to continue recovery efforts and to prepare the necessary documentation for their Coalition membership. Questions and/or concerns may be directed to the Coalition president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, at galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.

Kagman Elementary orientations

Kagman Elementary School's orientation dates are as follows:

- Freshmen - Sept. 3 at 1pm
- Sophomore- Sept. 3 at 3pm
- Juniors- Sept. 4 at 1pm
- Seniors - Sept. 4 at 3pm

GCA sets Open House, start of classes

Grace Christian Academy would like to inform the community that Open House will be on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6pm and the first day of school will be Monday, Sept. 14 (8am to 3pm). The campus and buildings received significant damage from Typhoon Soudelor but much work is being done to repair and rebuild. They would also like to invite the GCA community to come out this week any day Monday through Friday from 8am to 12pm to help with final cleanup around the campus. ***(GCA)***

2015 Club 200 is cancelled

The American Red Cross Northern Mariana Islands Chapter announced yesterday the cancelation of its annual Club 200 Super Heroes Dinner scheduled for Oct. 3. "Our Chapter and disaster response teams are focused solely on improving lives and helping those most affected by the storm. We are encouraging all of our donors and ticket buyers to support our relief efforts by making a financial contribution to the American Red Cross Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Fund. Financial donations (cash, checks, credit cards) can be made to the American Red Cross Northern Mariana Islands Chapter by emailing nmi-chapter@redcross.org. ***(ARC)***

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The CNMI Judiciary is soliciting sealed proposals for a copier/scanner/printer for the Clerk of Court.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on **August 26, 2015, after 10 a.m.,** at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9702 or emailed to juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on September 4, 2015, at the Clerk of Court's office in the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Susupe, Saipan. Any questions must be submitted in writing via email to juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp on or before 10 a.m. local time, September 3, 2015. Questions will be answered at the pre-proposal meeting.

Sealed proposals must be marked **RFP15-JUDICIARY-02** and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies to the CNMI Judiciary Budget and Finance Director, Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Susupe, Saipan no later than **10 a.m. local time on September 9, 2015**, located at the **Cashier's Window**.

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Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG Torres, through Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the ground maintenance services for its properties in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Interested firms may pick up Bid Specifications at the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan, from 7:30am through 4:30pm, during regular business hours, except CNMI Holidays.

A mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Conference Room located in Garapan on **Monday, September 14, 2015, at 9:00am.** All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30pm local time on Friday, September 18, 2015 to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director. Responses to questions shall be shared with other respective bidders. For bidders who picked up a packet, please make sure you pick up the Amendment Notice.

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Can the UN cure its 'cancer'?

Since the United Nations established a peacekeeping force in the strife-torn Central African Republic last year, civilians in that country have lodged at least 13 complaints of sexual abuse against peacekeepers. This month, three U.N. soldiers were accused of raping two women and a child. Earlier in the month, a U.N. police officer was accused of raping a 12-year-old girl.

Sadly, such allegations are nothing new. The United Nations has been facing charges of rape and sexual assault by its peacekeepers for many years. In 2014 alone there were nearly 80 allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse committed by U.N. personnel around the world. There have been hundreds of other reports of peacekeepers trading sex with desperate women for money, food and access to basic supplies.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon responded to this month's news by dismissing the head of the peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic and promising new efforts to combat sexual violence. He also briefed the Security Council behind closed doors and held a videoconference with the heads of all 16 active peacekeeping missions, after which he described sexual abuse by peacekeepers as "a cancer in our system."

But it's unlikely he will find a solution without making significant changes.

The U.N. enacted reforms after similar allegations arose in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2004, and reported incidents have dropped. But victims' rights advocates say underreporting is still a problem, given the unsettled circumstances in which peacekeepers work. The U.N.'s Office of Internal Oversight Services reported in May that reforms were "hindered by a complex architecture, prolonged delays, unknown and varying outcomes, and severely deficient victim assistance." Human Rights Watch says that victims of abuse by peacekeepers have trouble figuring out how to lodge and track complaints, and that "as long as states that contribute peacekeeping troops remain largely unwilling to hold their soldiers to account, the sexual abuse crisis will continue."

Therein lies the core problem: With no military or police of its own, the U.N. relies on troops supplied by its member nations. If a soldier is accused of misconduct, the U.N. investigates, but it's up to the soldier's home country to pursue justice. The member countries are supposed to report the resolution to the U.N., but compliance is inconsistent. The Internal Oversight Services report also said that some member nations have sought to weaken enforcement, and that their investigations are viewed by mission commanders as "unreliable because of a perceived conflict of interest ... "

There are plenty of political issues to navigate in the complicated undertaking of fielding international peacekeeping teams, but the safety and dignity of women and children must be paramount. It is appalling that soldiers deployed to protect civilians could become their tormentors. The U.N. needs to act much more forcefully and transparently, provide better support for the victims and ensure that commanders clearly communicate expected behaviors of their troops. And the nations supplying troops must ensure that allegations of misdeeds are investigated and that the guilty are punished.

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Yanbian

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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That's Korea-in-China. The area extends into Mudanjiang toward Harbin if heading northwest from Tumen, southeastward to Dandong by the Yalu and Tumen rivers in Liaoning and Jilin from across *Chao Xian* (NoKor, *Chosun Gul*) to *Hanguo* (SoKor, *Hanggul*) in what used to be Koguryo where the word *Goryeo* came from, birthing the English word *Korea.* OK, 'nuff geography and language lessons already.

A former resident of Saipan was from Hun Chun in Yanbian, *Dong Bei.* I delivered a laptop to her daughter and husband in Tumen once, bidding her *zai jian* in Yangi where signage is solely in Korean and Chinese, leaving this alien lost in a foreign land!

We do not generally trust foreign lands. We hang on to the comfort of the familiar. A ward in Saipan precedes each pronouncement with *In China* though he spent most of his life only in the Northeast. The mindset provides security against the foreign nature of his new surroundings in Saipan. Everything is bounced over the *In China* of his familiar.

I kept reminding my ward that China is a vast country with the sovereign boundaries set by Chiang Kai Shek in 1947, dittoed by Mao Zedong in 1949 that included the salty waters of *Nan Hai,* aka, South China Sea where the Spratly locates, with 56 recognized ethnic groups, including some that gathers disparate ones.

Top on the ethnic list are the *Han,* a varied group that traces its history in China's vaunted dynastic rule of Zhongguo, the Middle Realm, not "China" which was mistakenly labeled by the Persians from the people of the Qin on the Silk Road. Zhonggou includes the Mongols and the Manchus who adapted to the ways of the Han, while Chang-an in Xi'an flourished as the Han was resisted by their sisters and brothers from Shanghai to Hainan, eastern shores of Zhejiang-Fujian-Guangdong, which includes *Hakka* (Han "guest families") in its number, like Sun Yatsen (*Sun Zhongshan*) and the Soong sisters.

I tried dissuading my ward from the image of *In China* so he can look at the rest of the world from the Earthrise rather than from a citizens' view south of the Great Wall of his mind. This came home dramatically to me when one of my students, while I has in Shenyang in July, kept using the phrase in everything he said; got defensive when I suggested that I probably know more of China than he did since I had covered more geography than he had. He could not fathom a foreigner more knowledgeable than he was. "I am Chinese," he said.

A little Chinese-ness. Eating with chopsticks reveals an understanding of not touching food (as opposed to the Indo-Malayan-Arabic method of eating with bare hands), but in places where water is at a premium, washing hands is a waste of the precious commodity. To spit out refuse is practiced and accepted; catching it in the palm is gross. Someone cleans the floor and table after each meal, so there is no worry of trash. It means that when food is properly prepared, picking it by the chopsticks does not involve spitting out anything at all!

These are matters of choice more than externally prescribed manners; our ward can adapt to new behavior by choice rather than fall back to practices at home without much thought. Many colleagues in China just drop their refuse on the table or on the floor, discouraged as unhygienic in western meal ambience.

What brings this up in thinking of Yanbian is the preponderance of *la ba chai* smell (pickled spiced cabbage known as *kimchi* in Korea) that permeates the atmosphere of people and Situ in Shenyang. Pretty *kimchi*-breath ladies in Korea took some getting used to, and when confronted in the same way in China where the Han do not have body smells (until Chanel's Coco *madamoiselle* came to the scene, or, should one say, to the scents of the French brothel in the winter), Yanbian girls are better at being restaurant waitresses than bedtime *hua lu shui* (flower dew) providers. (The comment is meant to be descriptive rather than sexist.)

Yanbian as Korea-in-China close to *Chaoxian* (NoKor) is Zhongguo of mixed ways. Koreans in Yanbian move out of the ethnic corral fast and spread out not only to the rest of China, but in other parts of the world like Saipan wearing the Han identity rather than Yanbian.

The Mongol in *Nei Menggu* constitutes only 17 percent of the population so numbers do not determine ethnic autonomy. The five Autonomous Regions of China are: Guangxi *Zhuang, Xizang* (*xi*=west, *Zang* is an ethnic group, *Xizang* is thus the western Zang) known as *Tibet,* (the Semitic name for the plateau *Tubute* adopted into British English), Xinjiang *Uyghur* (pronounced, *Wee-gher*), Ningxia *Hui*, and *Nei Mongol* (Inner Mongolia) Autonomous Regions.

The Kim Ilsung *Juche* of self-reliance is denigrated in the West, which tells us more about Korea western fears than actual realities. Russia's *shapka* and Mao caps are already out of *Chaoxian* but GI Joe's PASGT (*Personnel Armor System for Ground Troops,* pronounced pass-get) helmet still smarts south of Panmunjom in Hanguo. Need I say more?

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Summer of discontent

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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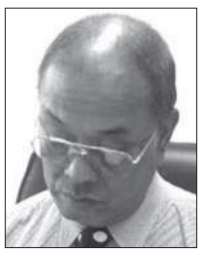

Throughout the NMI archipelago, there's the roiling summer of discontent steadily rumbling like an active underwater volcano ready to erupt. The silence is deafening. This could easily be seen in the cringing faces of our people everywhere especially after the super disastrous storm.

I'm sure this assessment doesn't resonate well with the powers that be. But it's reality in both form and substance. Your only exit is to deal with it!

We're caught flatfooted once more—the economy sputtering to complete halt—hasn't done much to pull employees out of more than a decade of stagnant wages and salaries. What's a "stagnant" wage? It's when your income stays the same for so long while the cost of basic goods have all skyrocketed at the same time. This is reality of vicious hardship in the islands!

Yet, we're basically stuck with what we have today in terms of income. While new projects give distant threat to boosting revenue generation, we're plastered with another hurdle in the dual disaster that slows tourism to a screeching halt including business operations derailing revenue generation.

In spite of it all, I'm still hopeful the depressing tidings of vicious economic slide and consequential stagnancy could be changed with vision. And please note: I'm speaking of "vision" not your black and white television.

Reliance on technology

It's hard divorcing the new culture wrought by technology of instant messaging, exchanges in social media, and global access to prominent dailies or websites.

Remember the old days of communicating? You write your letter, seal and mail it hoping it gets to its destination some 21 days later? Today, we send it instantly with tons of related files too.

Technology has made most everything accessible where information is at the tip of your fingertips. It makes it mandatory that you're at least computer literate.

In hospitals, information technology has improved immensely such that physicians could draw a patient's file unto their computers without waiting for a staff to fetch it. It makes attending to the sick quicker. But you see this in better-equipped hospitals.

Even the filing of cases in court is done via E-Filing from across the globe. You may be in Paris but the Internet grants you time to file your case on the dot here.

Even auto-mechanics use computer equipment to identify what may be wrong with your engine. At least there's no second-guessing and saves you unintended errors and cost.

The commercial port in Bangkok is an interesting place occupied, inch-by-inch, by huge cargo ships. You wonder how they'd eventually exit. A computer controls movement in and out of the port. At some point of the day, the space is empty and you wonder how each ship exited the harbor.

A certain company nearby has the technology to shoot down to the depth of the ocean to find seabed resources. It could tell you what you have, how much of it and how long will it last when harvested for global marketing. Wow!

But for all the global technological advances, no one has invented a device to predict earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. It would be nice to have this technology given that we are situated in the Pacific Ring of Fire.

Health of our People: I was a beneficiary of an interview by a Public Health group out surveying Type II diabetes. I'm pleased to see the thoughtfulness of relevant questions asked that led to other queries beyond what's already prepared. The staff did this in order to secure clearer understanding of issues.

The work is far from complete but it's a good start to begin monitoring everything there's to know about the illness afflicting a good number of local. Its origin begins with pancreatic malfunction, unrefined complex sugar clogging up in our blood vessels, how this effect eventually kills the kidney and its subsequent result, or infections in our lower body or extremities that could lead to amputations.

My interest is in focusing on the onset of pancreatic malfunction, if it's an issue that could be treated and revived or is it simply history once it goes out of commission. This is where CHC could commission a study so we secure information up ahead what else to expect in the treatment of adult onset diabetes or Type II.

Have been a diabetic for nearly 20 years now. Lifestyle changes are needed though there's nothing we could do about genetic predisposition. I'm talking heart ailments as you approach midlife or golden years. Healthy lifestyle or otherwise we all leave from massive heart attacks or stroke after 70.

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The craze for longevity is as interesting as it is infuriating. Doctors from all over met at a certain venue to find out how the Chinese get to live up to 120 years. Well, they consume a lot of green in their food and drinks. Here, it's beer and some more fatty red meat, tons of salt and some more sugar in drinks topped by a slam-dunk on the living room couch.

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We used to be relatively active spending time at the family farm at day's end or on weekends. We no longer do this preferring mowing the iPads and iPhones than anything else. There simply are too many distractions from doing personal initiative to stay relatively active.

Imagine if half the people here are sedentary who eventually slide into obesity. Boy! It would be a helluva a struggle getting out of bed in the morning and another challenge staying awake at work! It seems we're headed that way. Your health begins with you. Start rearranging your schedule so you include fun walk with your family.

Upending the Constitution to fit immigration needs not an option

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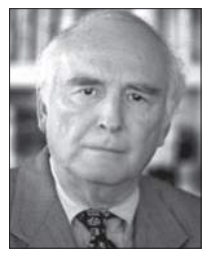


WASHINGTON—Former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore, one of the 17 candidates for the Republican presidential nomination, says emphatically he is offended by Donald Trump's suggestion that the children of illegal aliens who are born on U.S. soil be deprived of their citizenship.

For that reason, if none other, Gilmore's standing in the pecking order of chief executive wannabes should be near the top of the long list not at the bottom. He gets it as perhaps few of his competitors, a number of whom have been tepid or utterly absent in defense of the 14th Amendment to the United States which states unequivocally that:

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the state wherein they reside."

Amending the amendment is what we are talking about here and the implications of that are startling. The Amendment further ensures equal protection under the law, prohibiting arbitrary action by the states. But just trying to deal with its first sentence birth protection could lead to chaos and unthinkable results. Your birthright is inviolate. You are an American because you were born here. Take that away from one group and you could take it away from all.

If you are a candidate for the highest office in the land who supports Trump's unconscionable attack on one of this country's strongest guarantees of participation in the benefits of the Republic just by your silence, you should not be. If you do not understand that this 1868 amendment, and the one ahead of it abolishing slavery, were the final nails in the coffin of that monstrous institution, you should withdraw your candidacy immediately.

Donald Trump is a self promoting jerk who seems to have an affinity for walls and Nazi German-like abridgement of human rights and American principles. Fortunately for most of us, even those in the American electorate whose anger at the so-called establishment draws them to this unholy flame, Trumps' rhetoric is as hollow as his head seems to be.

Even if, God forbid, he should become the next occupant of the White House, he could not accomplish what he proposes.

There is absolutely no way that this symbol of world freedom could round up 12 million men, women and children who are undocumented and send them who knows where.

Even if it could be done, the blight would forever stain this nation, which once appealed for the huddled masses yearning to be free. We would be eternally a lesser place historically condemned once and for all as a failed experiment.

Trump knows this. So in addition to being a demagogue with little or no practical understanding of statecraft, he is a liar. Not since a Southern candidate campaigned on the promise to take a pitchfork to his opponents has there been a better example of irresponsibility and disingenuousness.

Gilmore is a constitutional lawyer by profession and one who understands the nuances of the document that has guided the nation throughout its history.

Is there need for meaningful immigration reform? Of course there is. But the Congress has met every attempt with a solid wall of opposition to every reasonable proposal including the one hammered out by a rare coalition of both Republican and Democrats. No president — George W. Bush not excepted — has found himself unable to pry definitive, fair reform from the legislature. The hang up always seems to be a path to citizenship for those who have fled here even one that under the current proposal would take them years to achieve.

Many Americans are upset about the flood of illegal immigrants from our southern borders. But upending our Constitution is not a viable suggestion. The hateful nonsense being spewed by Trump should be disavowed wholesale by the rest of the GOP pack. There are millions upon millions of Americans whose parents or grandparents were born here as the progeny of those who immigrated from the world over and never bothered to become official citizens.

Those of you who find this nitwit's proposal appealing take a look at your family tree. Chances are you would find an ancestor who never bothered to become naturalized but who was a productive citizen nevertheless.

Who is to blame for Trump? Certainly a large share belongs to the media. But some of it with an exception or two belongs to the rest of GOP flock who would put politics above sane policy.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanking 'Hafa Adai' spirit

I want to say thank you to the people of Saipan for the "Hafa Adai" spirit you have shown the Marines while supporting Typhoon Souledor recovery efforts. We are thankful beyond words for how welcoming everyone has been. The Marines are truly honored for the opportunity to be a small part of the recovery effort.

It is immediately apparent just how important family is to the people of Saipan. We are so honored that you extended these warm regards to the Marines. Our Marines have spent several weeks immersed in the community distributing water from Koblerville Fire Station, Garapan Fishing Base, San Roque Fire Station, and Kagman Fire Station. We have really enjoyed getting to know the people who came by for water and are very thankful for all of the Chamorro hospitality you have shown us! We were honored to work side by side with those clearing debris from Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High School, Garapan Elementary School, William Reyes Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary and Middle School and Saipan Southern High School. We have been impressed by the resiliency of the community and humbled by their generosity and kindness.

The USS *Ashland* has departed with the Marines and sailors from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard. As we continue on our deployment, with our mission on Saipan accomplished, we depart with fond memories of our Saipan family, and several pounds heavier from all the food you have given us!

Thank you all and God bless!

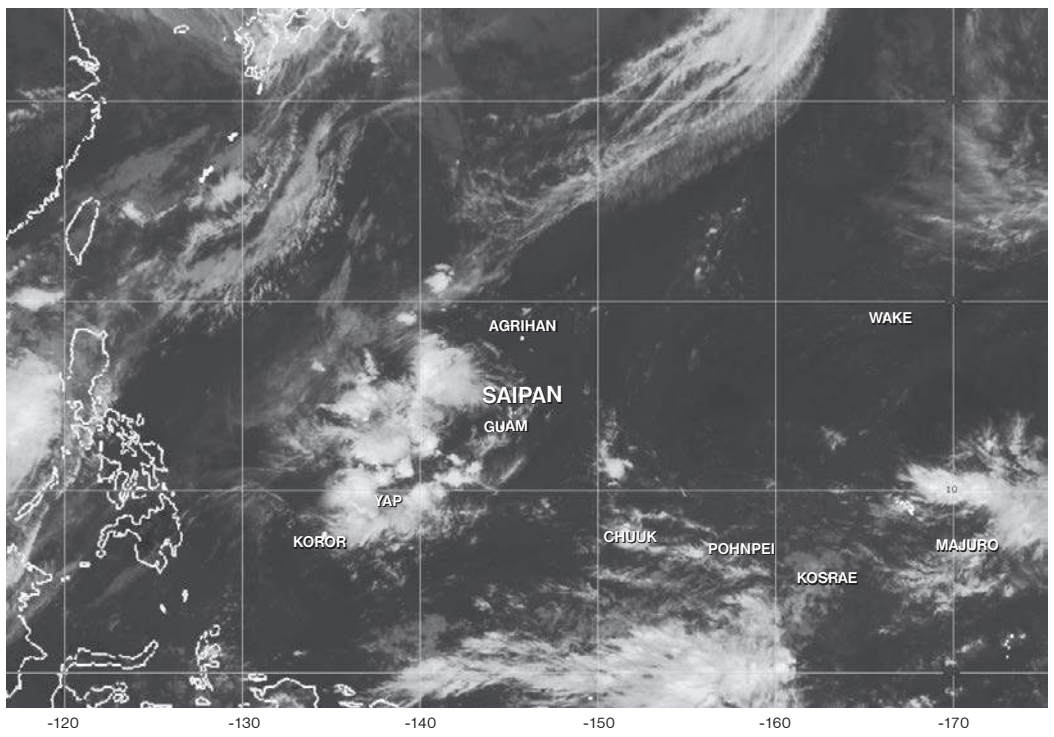
Lt. Col. Eric Malinowski, USMC
Commanding Officer
Combat Logistics Battalion-31
31st Marine Expeditionary Unit
Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough runs across Micronesia from west of Yap at 9N136E northeastward through a broad circulation north of Pohnpei centered at about 12N159E then eastward through another circulation near the date line at 13N178E. An upper-level low over the Mariana Islands and the west end of the trough are both helping to trigger scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Yap and west of the Marianas between 7N and 18N from 135E to 143E farther east across the northern Marshall Islands there are scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 5N and 12N from 168E to 177E. Surging southwest monsoon winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms along the equator south of 2N from 140E to 150E and across Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae states to the south of 7N from 150E to 161E. Surface winds converging toward Typhoon Goni over southern Japan are causing scattered showers northwest of a line from 20N130E to 25N135E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲60	▼46
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲90	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲87	▼76
London	Rain	▲68	▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼69
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲89	▼76
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲61	▼43
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼78
New York	Thundershowers	▲86	▼68
Osaka	Showers	▲88	▼73
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼63
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼70
Rome	Sunny	▲88	▼68
Salem	Sunny	▲85	▼54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼66
Tokyo	Rain	▲78	▼72
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲88	▼65

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:21 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet
6:48 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:34 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:32 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:21 PM	2:10 AM
Thursday	4:15 PM	3:08 AM
Friday	5:09 PM	4:08 AM
Saturday	6:02 PM	5:09 AM
Sunday	6:02 PM	5:09 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Nation

Record wildfire in Washington gets international, local help

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—As Washington state's wildfires burned into the record books Monday, calls for help were answered from far and near.

Fire managers from New Zealand and Australia arrived to contribute to a ground campaign led by firefighters from across the West and augmented by U.S. soldiers.

The flames that claimed the lives of three firefighters, injured four others and burned 200 homes also inspired an outpouring of volunteers who have been invited for the first time in state history to help battle the blazes.

This summer's fire response across the West has been overwhelmed by destructive blazes tearing through the tinder-dry region.

The biggest fire burning Monday was in Okanogan County on the Canadian border, where a group of five fires raging out of control became the largest in state history, scorching more than 400 square miles, fire spokesman Rick Isaacson said.

Lightning-sparked fires broke the state record, surpassing blazes that destroyed more than 300 homes in the same county last year.

"I'd like to set some different records," Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers said.

The U.S. is in the midst of one of its worst fire seasons on record with some 11,600 square miles scorched so far. It's only the sixth-worst going back to 1960, but it's the most acreage burned by this date in a decade, so the ranking is sure to rise.

"It's only Aug. 24th," Isaacson said. "In our district we could see this go clear to the first of November."

Thirteen firefighters have died nationwide this year, including the three in Washington state who were killed when they tried to escape the fire in a vehicle, crashed and were overrun by flames.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM)
Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Delivery Driver (7)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions
- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

EMPLOYER'S RIGHTS: *This job description does not list all the duties of the job. You may be asked by your supervisors or managers to perform other duties. You will be evaluated in part based upon your performance of the tasks listed in this job description. The employer has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not a contract for employment, and either you or the employer may terminate employment at any time, for any reason.*

All interested applicants may get application at Pizza Hut Restaurant in Gualo Rai • Closing Date: August 28, 2015

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-041

Opening Date: Monday, August 17, 2015
Closing Date: Monday, August 31, 2015

Administrative Technician

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Wastewater Operations Supervisor or his/her designee. Performs journey-level administrative support of assigned department, service or specialty area by providing customer support, document review and processing, and by scheduling and coordinating services or resources. Gathers information and prepares and distributes a variety of documents which may include: vouchers; reports; requisitions; work orders; service certifications; correspondence; and status updates. Monitors scheduling needs for meetings, equipment maintenance, and/or other relevant service requirements; schedules and coordinates appointments, resources and/or services. Receives calls and service requests; responds to and resolves inquiries or problems and may provide dispatch services; advises public on applicable procedures and policies; provides assistance with completing forms and paperwork; and directs inquiries or issues to appropriate resource for resolution. Reviews and verifies data and documents for accuracy and completion; reconciles data discrepancies; performs data entry; and maintains databases, records and files. Maintains and orders office supplies and materials; processes requisitions; monitors and/or inspects equipment for required service needs. Assists in the administration and coordination of special events, training, programs and/or projects. Monitoring fleet vehicle fuel consumption and vehicle maintenance; Inspecting vehicles and distributing and collecting keys from vehicle operators. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: Wastewater Division, **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: $20,826.00
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: Associate's Degree or High School Diploma/GED or ABE Program AS and 2 years of office or customer service experience. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Filing and recordkeeping principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory and supplies maintenance practices; Specialized equipment relevant to area of assignment; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards (based on assignment); Providing customer service; Filing, organizing, imaging and maintaining records and files; Preparing reports, correspondence and documentation; Managing time and prioritizing requests; Providing attention to detail; Proofreading documents for accuracy; Performing audits, identifying errors, making corrections and recommendations; Reviewing and researching account or database information; Maintaining confidentiality of records and information; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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World

Rival Koreas again show mastery at pulling back from brink

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The Koreas on Tuesday once again proved their mastery at pulling back from the brink—this time with an accord forged in two marathon negotiating sessions over three days.

Authoritarian North Korea previously refused to even admit to, let alone apologize for, Seoul's accusation that North Korean land mines maimed two South Koreans. But after a vague North Korean expression of "regret," South Korea agreed to stop its anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts and the rivals found a way to save face.

Here's a look at how they've pulled off similar feats, sometimes with the involvement of South Korea's ally, the United States, over the years:

December 2010: North Korea backs off from an earlier threat of "catastrophic retaliation" after South Korea defiantly goes ahead with live-fire drills near the country's disputed western sea boundary.

This standoff is the result of similar drills by Seoul a month earlier that drew a North Korean artillery bombardment that killed two marines and two civilians on a front-line South Korean border island.

AP

In this Aug. 22, 2015 file photo provided by the South Korean Unification Ministry, South Korean National Security Director, Kim Kwan-jin, right, and Unification Minister Hong Yong-pyo, second from right, shake hands with Hwang Pyong So, left, North Korea' top political officer for the Korean People's Army, and Kim Yang Gon, a senior North Korean official responsible for South Korean affairs, during their meeting at the border village of Panmunjom in Paju, South Korea.

North Korea saves face by asserting that it didn't respond to the second drill because South Korea conducted it in a less provocative way. Seoul says both drills were the same.

May 2010: North Korea threatens "all-out counterattacks" after Seoul moves to resume psychological warfare operations to punish the North over an alleged torpedo attack that killed 46 South Korean sailors earlier in the year.

Although South Korea restores the loudspeakers now being used to pipe propaganda over the border, it does not follow through on its vow to turn them on.

Security worry: How to stop the 'lone wolf' attacks

PARIS (AP)—The gunman had an arsenal that he claims to have stumbled upon in a park near the train station. Like three other men accused of drawing up failed plans for attacks in France recently, the suspect denied any links to terrorism, telling his lawyer he was homeless and only wanted to rob a train "to eat."

Instead, the assault rifle jammed, and he was tackled and bound with a necktie by three Americans and a Briton who were celebrated Monday with France's highest honor. Now, with many lives potentially saved on the high-speed train by quick-thinking and courageous passengers, the limits of a continent's worth of security were thrown into relief by a lone attacker during a less-sophisticated act of violence.

"I don't think we can rely entirely on the police, the law enforcement services. They will do their best. We can put in place the best intelligence networks, but somebody is probably going to get through at some stage. And my vision of this is that as citizens, we need to be prepared to think about how to act," Chris Norman, the British businessman who helped bind the suspect, told The Associated Press.

"We need to have it in our minds, because if I had never thought it before, then I probably would've just been sitting in a corner cowering," Norman said.

With thousands of Europeans believed to be radicalized by propaganda from the Islamic State group, and legions of security forces guarding the most visible targets, governments are increasingly worried about the possibility of carnage by individuals, with little planning, in a setting where there is minimal or no security.

If the attack fails, terrorist groups simply ignore it. If it succeeds, they claim responsibility for the work done by their "brother."

"This creates a really interesting dilemma for law enforcement. You don't have to be a mastermind or a sophisticated individual to kill a lot of people if you have weapons and they do not," said William Braniff, director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. "You don't have to be all that well-trained. There's one threshold: You have to be able to load the weapon."

ASIAN BRIEFS

China's stock market suffers biggest 1-day fall since 2007

BEIJING (AP)—China's stock market fell Monday by its biggest margin in eight years, defying the government's multibillion-dollar effort to stop a slide that has wiped out the gains of this year's price boom. The decline threatened to weigh anew on global markets after last week's Chinese losses triggered a worldwide sell-off. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index fell 8.5 percent to close at 3,209.91 points, its biggest one-day loss since an 8.8 percent decline on Feb. 27, 2007. The index is down 38 percent from its June 12 peak and just under 1 percent below its closing on Dec. 31, last year's final trading day. "A disastrous result for China, after working so hard to breathe life back into domestic equities after the 2007 crash and having spent hundreds of billions of dollars propping up the market since June," said Angus Nicholson of IG Markets in a report.

US Marine admits choking transgender Filipino, denies murder

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A U.S. Marine charged with murder testified in court Monday that he choked a Filipino unconscious during a fight that started when he discovered that she was a transgender woman in a Philippine motel but stressed that he didn't kill her, his lawyer said. Lawyer Rowena Flores said her client, Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton, told the court in Olongapo city, northwest of Manila, that Jennifer Laude was unconscious but breathing when he left her in the shower of a motel, where they checked in to have sex after meeting in a bar in October last year. Pemberton panicked after seeing her unconscious and left. Defense lawyers would present evidence that raises the possibility that someone else killed Laude, according to Flores. Flores quoted Pemberton as telling the court that he felt he'd been raped.

Typhoon Goni damages buildings, drenches western Japan

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful typhoon damaged buildings, tossed around cars and flooded streets in southwestern Japan on Tuesday before heading out to the Sea of Japan. No deaths were reported, but at least 26 people were injured, according to Japan's Fire and Disaster Management Agency. The same storm struck the Philippines earlier, where the death toll rose to 21 with 15 still missing as search and rescue efforts continued. Typhoon Goni made landfall after daybreak Tuesday on Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu, bringing fierce winds and heavy rain to much of western Japan. Flights to and from Kyushu were canceled, and train and bus service suspended. Japanese television showed uprooted trees, downed power lines and sheared-off building walls and roofs. More than 470,000 households temporarily lost power, Kyodo News service reported.

Wife in loveless marriage longs for intimate romance

DEAR ABBY: The wedding night I had dreamed about forever was supposed to be the most romantic and amazing of my life with the one person I can't live without. Instead, it was the most humiliating experience I have ever had. I dressed in a beautiful negligee, and my husband didn't even take a second look at me. I was so embarrassed, I rolled over and pretended to fall asleep. That was my big night, the one night I'll never get again.

This same man brags about the sexual encounters he had with his ex-wife, cyber sex and his 13-hour sexathon. When I try to touch him, he seems repulsed and pulls away. My heart can't take the never-ending rejection and the nights of crying because I don't know what I have done wrong.

The sad thing is, I'm pretty sure he has never even noticed. Even an intimate kiss would be enough for me now. I dream of a man who loves me so much he stares at me from across the room, who can't wait to get his hands on me even if it's just for a second. Unfortunately, that's not my marriage. Don't I deserve happiness? And will this ever change?

UNTOUCHED IN TEXAS

DEAR UNTOUCHED: Of course you deserve happiness. But nothing will change until you start asking questions and demand answers. The only thing you have done "wrong" is to have tolerated the status quo.

Has it occurred to you that your husband has been lying to you about his sexual exploits? He may be impotent, gay, or so hooked on cyber porn that there is nothing left for you. Make it your business to find out. Ask him. And if he isn't forthcoming, talk with his ex-wife. If your marriage was never consummated, you may be entitled to an annulment.

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago I was told by a fertility doctor that I can't have children. Having a husband, children and a home in which we can build memories and traditions were the only things I ever wanted in life.

Since then I have tried to find meaning in life and things to fill the huge void that would have been filled by my dreams. I have not been successful. I have been on antidepressants, gone to counseling, volunteered, held a job, traveled, and confided in loved ones who, frankly, don't want to hear about it any longer (and I don't blame them). But I still feel completely empty.

There isn't anything I look forward to in life. (I'm 45, divorced, most of my family has passed on, and I am an atheist.) I don't know what else to do or where else to turn. Can you help me?

BROKEN RECORD

DEAR BROKEN: What immediately comes to mind is that feeling as you do about children, you might make a terrific foster parent or adoptive parent to an older child. There are many in the system who need loving, supportive homes.

However, if that doesn't work for you, consider looking into volunteering to become a court-appointed advocate for abused and neglected children through a program called CASA. CASA volunteers make sure these vulnerable children don't get lost in the legal system, and you might find that to be rewarding. You'll find more information about this at casaforchildren.org.

Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors— is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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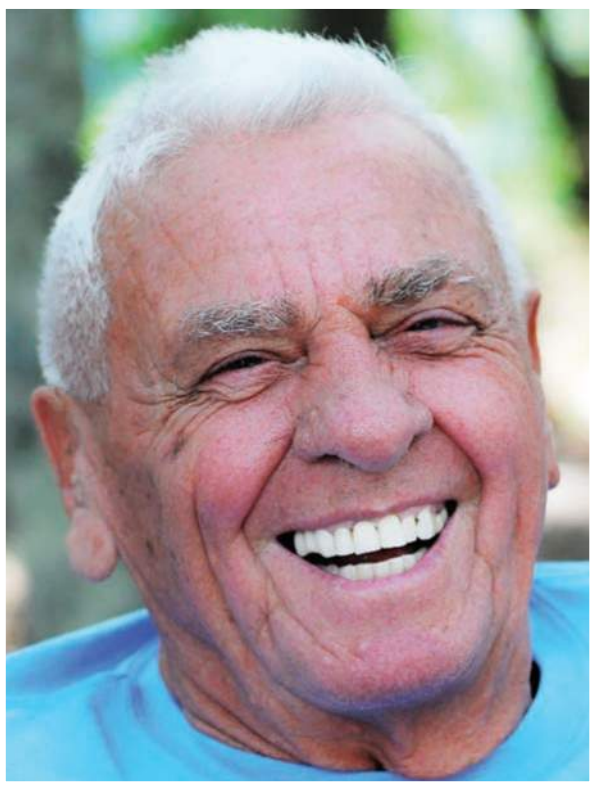


Donald Daugherty Brennan, age 87, passed away quietly on August 20, 2015 at his home in North Perry, Ohio with his loving wife Carol by his side. He was the son of Francis Lee Robbins and Carrie Mae Daugherty, born on June 11, 1928 in Benwood, WV. His parents divorced in 1929. In 1933, Carrie Mae married Edward R. Brennan who adopted Donald. He was predeceased by his Grandparents, Charles and Emma Daugherty, his parents, his Stepfather, his half-brother Richard D. Brennan, and his first wife of 45 years, Patricia Jeanne Beller Brennan. Don had previous residences in Stafford, VA, Petaluma, CA; Falls Church, VA; Saipan, CNMI; Alexandria, VA; Cherry Point, NC; Camp Lejeune, NC; and Benwood, WV.

He is survived by his second wife Carol (Luck) Brennan of North Perry, OH whom he married in 2004; sons Dennis and his wife Trudy of Wake Forest, NC; Douglas of Saipan, CNMI; David and his wife Susan of Castle Pines, CO; daughter Debra of Annandale, VA; grandchildren Jamie Brennan and her husband Donnie Staggs, Jr., and Heather Brist all of Quincy, MA; Dexter Brennan and his wife Hitomi, Daryl and Donovan Brennan all of Saipan; Caroline Johnston and her husband Adam of Littleton, CO, and Hannah Brennan of Aurora, CO. He has numerous nieces and nephews, as well numerous very loving stepchildren and step grandchildren from Carol's family. Caroline and Adam presented Don with his first great grandchild, Michael David Johnston in March 2013 and presented him with his second great grandson, William Thomas Johnston in June 2015.

Don was a career Marine having enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1947. He served in Korea towards the end of the conflict; was stationed on the Pacific island of Saipan in the late 50's; served in Vietnam in '65-66 where he received a field promotion to Warrant Officer; and was last stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico (VA) where he served as Assistant Provost Marshall, WO1, and taught at the FBI Academy. Don retired from the Marine Corps in 1968. Don had a second career with First Virginia Bancshares Corp (FVB, now BB&T), in Falls Church, VA, starting as a Manager Trainee and retiring as head of Facilities and Security in 1989. After retiring from FVB, Don and Pat moved to Petaluma, CA in 1990 at the request of Nan McEvoy, at the time, Chairwoman of the Board of the San Francisco Chronicle. Don oversaw the conversion of 550 acres of cattle ranch land to realize her dream of creating an olive oil ranch. Don had his hands full as he worked to clear the ponds, prepare fields for planting, coordinated testing and applications for growing olives and planted the first 1,000 olive tree seedlings that now number over 30,000 trees and produce some of the best premium extra virgin olive oil in the world, McEvoy Ranch Olive Oil.

Don was a loving and supportive husband to both Pat and Carol; a great father and life-long example of excellence to his children and step-children; a proud grandfather; and blessed to have held both of his great grandsons. He was our Friend, our Teacher, our Mentor, and will always be our Hero. His family saying "All our love, All our lives" is what we will hold in our hearts; and we'd all like to think Don's just "Gone Fishin'!"

A Celebration of Don's life will be held from 2-4 pm on Saturday August 29, 2015 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

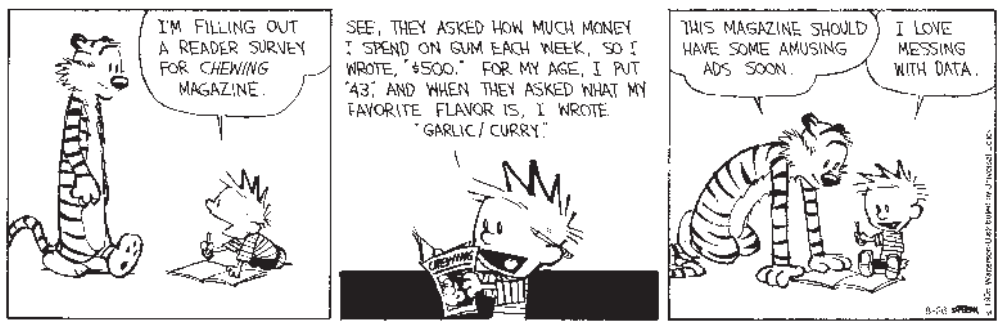
Condolence expressions are requested to be directed to the Wounded Warriors Project.org/donate in the memory of Donald D. Brennan, WO1, USMC, retired.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


I'M FILLING OUT A READER SURVEY FOR CHEWING MAGAZINE.
SEE, THEY ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY I SPEND ON GUM EACH WEEK, SO I WROTE, "$500." FOR MY AGE, I PUT "43," AND WHEN THEY ASKED WHAT MY FAVORITE FLAVOR IS, I WROTE "GARLIC/CURRY."
CHEWING
THIS MAGAZINE SHOULD HAVE SOME AMUSING ADS SOON.
I LOVE MESSING WITH DATA.

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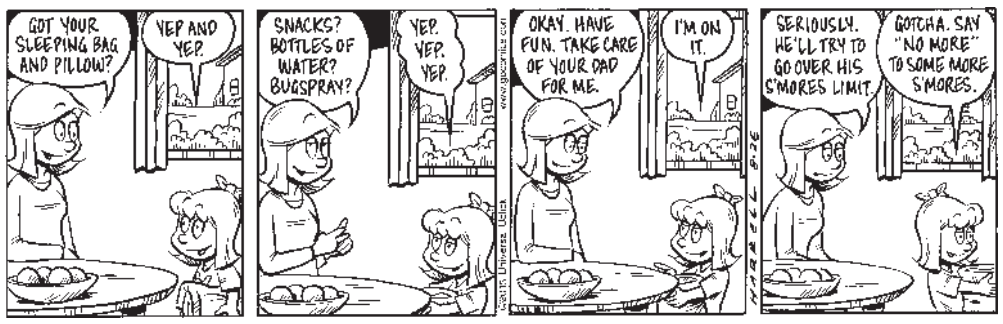
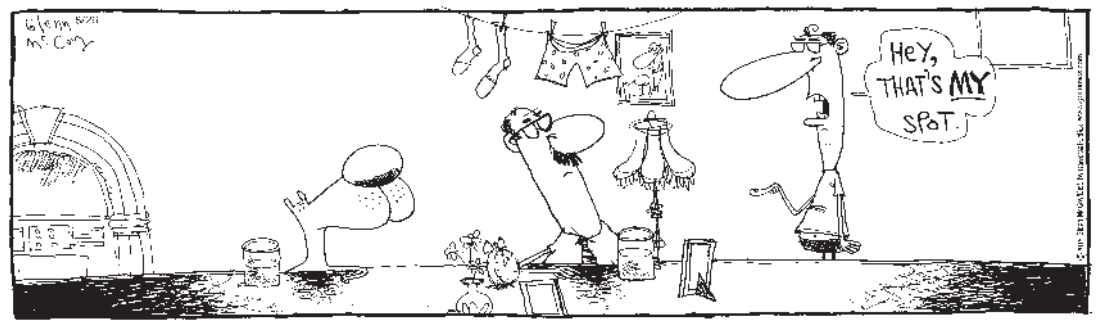

GOT YOUR SLEEPING BAG AND PILLOW?
YEP AND YEP.
SNACKS? BOTTLES OF WATER? BUGSPRAY?
YEP. YEP. YEP.
OKAY. HAVE FUN. TAKE CARE OF YOUR DAD FOR ME.
I'M ON IT.
SERIOUSLY. HE'LL TRY TO GO OVER HIS S'MORES LIMIT.
GOTCHA. SAY "NO MORE" TO SOME MORE S'MORES.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "The Good Wife" network
4 Stubborn critter
8 Not working
12 Uncooked
13 Holly
14 Perfectly
15 "Born in the —"
16 Track timer
18 Ledger entry
20 Lubricate
21 Lingerie buys
24 Presents
28 Cause clashing
32 Italian farewell
33 Work with
34 Movie cowboy Lash
36 Matterhorn, for one
37 Venetian blind part
39 Li'l Abner's home
41 Serf
43 Slay
44 Scoundrel
46 Youngsters
50 Bigfoot
55 Mined-over matter
56 Quaker's address
57 Womanizer
58 "A Chorus Line" song
59 Harvard's rival
60 Legal wrong
61 Barbie's companion

DOWN
1 Gunk
2 Foundation
3 Q-tip end
4 Strong, cold wind
5 Last (Abbr.)
6 Writer Buscaglia
7 Big fair, for short
8 Slanted type
9 Speck
10 Fond du —, Wis.
11 Biblical verb ending
17 Peruke
19 "Big Blue" company
22 Slightly
23 Seafood selection
25 Decree
26 Body powder
27 Last year's frosh
28 Dogsled command
29 Capri, e.g.
30 Notary's symbol
31 "Les Miserables" author
35 Disparaging term
38 Rotational force
40 Whatever amount
42 Greek cross
45 Small pie
47 Eccentric one
48 Sea eagle
49 Spotted
50 Pigpen
51 "Eureka!"
52 Scale member
53 Additionally
54 Mongrel

Solution time: 23 mins.

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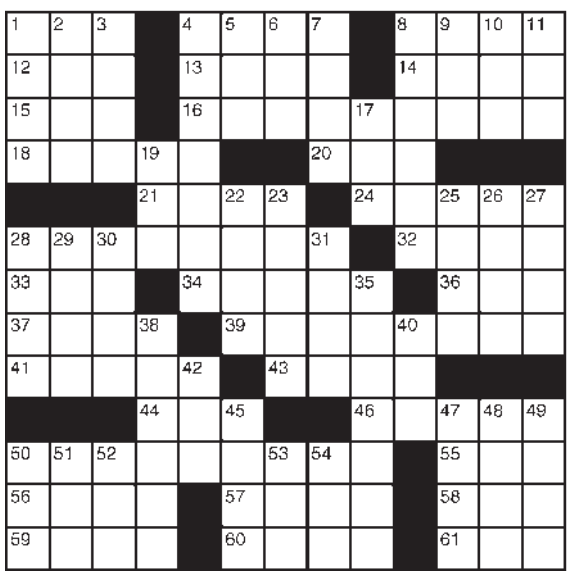
Yesterday's answer 8-26



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Keke Palmer, 22; Macaulay Culkin, 35; Chris Pine, 35; Melissa McCarthy, 45.

Happy Birthday: Keeping a steady, surefooted pace will be your saving grace. Opportunities are plentiful, so choose what you are able to handle and make steady gains as you go. A sudden, unexpected change in your financial situation could come from an unusual source. Keeping a clear head will help you avoid being used. Your numbers are 2, 16, 23, 28, 30, 33, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Initiate changes that will help you feel healthier. Love is encouraged, and socializing and sharing your plans will bring you closer to the type of life you want to live. It's up to you to make things happen. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Get involved, make plans, network or do something special for someone you want to get to know better. Speak from the heart and express an interest in whatever you are dealing with, and you will find out valuable information. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): A practical approach to whatever you do is a much better approach than casting your fate to the wind and seeing what unfolds. Take control of the situations you face and harness what you want by using your skills strategically. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Focus on partnerships. Discuss your plans with others and explore your options. Someone you meet through a friend or while traveling will spark your interest in something you might not have previously considered. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You can make professional changes, but don't leave one job until you have found another. It's important to be responsible and not act impulsively. Collect information and update your skills before you decide to make a move. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Speak up and those around you will listen and take note of what you are proposing. Your intelligence and dedication will be recognized and help you gain respect as well as an interesting position. Think big, but don't lose sight of reality. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): A transformation is taking place. Facing difficulties will open your eyes and your mind to new opportunities. Don't allow anyone to steer you away from a course that can bring you happiness. Believe in yourself and do as you please. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Stop and take note of what is going on around you. Look for unusual opportunities and search for answers to the unknown. Your curiosity will lead you to more fortunate circumstances. Don't let the choices others make lead you astray. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Expect to face difficulties if you try to push your ideas on others. If you want to make changes, focus inward and do whatever it takes to improve mentally, physically and emotionally. Do your homework and you'll get results. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Emotions will be difficult to contain. Don't hide the way you feel when expressing your opinions. Make a plan to do the things that will help you achieve greater happiness. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Abide by the rules and you'll avoid unexpected headaches. It's important to put greater effort into the relationships you have with others. A change of attitude will encourage others to strive to improve as well. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Take a trip that will offer you a chance to learn something new or discover what you want to do next. Greater involvement in an effort to bring about positive reforms or improvements to your community should be on your agenda. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are adaptable, creative and precise. You are willful and organized.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/26

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	1	4	7	8	9	5	3	6
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Difficulty Level ★★ 8/25

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

OUTDOOR KIDS' GAMES — Solution: 7 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Journalist

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Wright homers in return, Mets hit 8 to beat Phillies, 16-7

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—David Wright hit a long home run on his first major league swing in 133 days, Wilmer Flores went deep twice and the New York Mets set a franchise record with eight homers in a 16-7 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night.

Yoenis Cespedes, Juan Lagares, Travis d'Arnaud, Daniel Murphy and Michael Cuddyer also connected for the NL East-leading Mets. New York set a franchise record with 15 extra-base hits—seven doubles and eight homers. The teams tied an NL record with 11 combined homers.

Fresh off scoring 33 runs in a three-game sweep at Colorado, the Mets slugged their way back from a 7-2 deficit after Jacob deGrom's shortest career outing.

The 2014 NL Rookie of the Year lasted just 2 2-3 innings and allowed a career-high seven runs on eight hits. His ERA rose from 1.98 to 2.29.Sean Gilmartin (3-1) had four strikeouts in 3 1-3 scoreless innings to earn the win.

Ryan Howard and Domonic Brown hit three-run homers and Cameron Rupp also took deGrom deep. But the Mets chased starter Adam Morgan and rallied off Hector Neris (2-1).

AP
New York Mets' David Wright, right, passes third base coach Tim Teufel, left, while scoring on a home run by Wilmer Flores in the fourth inning of a baseball game with the Philadelphia Phillies, Monday, Aug. 24, 2015, in Philadelphia.

Cubs 2, Indians 1

In Chicago, Kris Bryant homered with two outs in the ninth inning to lift the surging Cubs to a victory over the Indians in a makeup of a rained out game from June 15.

The rookie, who had homered twice Sunday, lined a pitch from Cleveland reliever Zach McAllister (3-4) into the right field bleachers to give Chicago its fifth straight win and 21st victory in 26 games.

Carlos Santana singled home pinch runner Abraham Almonte with the tying run with two out in the ninth to spoil Jon Lester's bid for his first shutout and complete game with the Cubs.

Backed by four double-plays, Lester rebounded from his shortest start of the season to pitch his longest since joining the Cubs. He was relieved by Hector Rondon (5-2) with two outs in the ninth after scattering six hits and striking out six.

Anthony Rizzo's triple in the seventh drove in Chris Coghlan—who had doubled for only Chicago's second hit—to break a scoreless tie in a pitching duel between Lester and Indians ace Corey Kluber.

Yankees 1, Astros 0

In New York, Carlos Beltran hit a game-ending sacrifice fly after Oliver Perez walked the bases loaded, and the Yankees beat the Astros in a game highlighted by a tense duel between Nathan Eovaldi and Scott Feldman.

Perez (0-1) entered in the ninth and gave New York fans a reminder of his wild five seasons with the Mets. He walked Brett Gardner, threw a wild pitch, then walked Alex Rodriguez intentionally. Brian McCann walked to load them and end Perez's night.

Beltran then gave Chad Qualls' first pitch a ride to deep center field for New York's third walk-off win this year.

Andrew Miller (2-2) pitched the ninth in helping the Yankees hand the AL West leaders their 18th road loss in their last 22 away games. The Astros were coming off a sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers at Minute Maid Park.

Eovaldi and Feldman each went eight innings.

Reds 12, Tigers 5

In Cincinnati, Brandon Phillips drove in four runs with a home run and a triple during Cincinnati's 10-run sixth inning and the Reds came back from a five-run deficit to snap a nine-game losing streak and beat the Tigers.

In the makeup of a game postponed on June 18 by rain, former Detroit shortstop Eugenio Suarez homered and doubled during Cincinnati's biggest inning since scoring 10 runs against Arizona in August 2005. Fourteen Reds batted in the inning against four Detroit pitchers, including reliever Al Alburquerque (3-1), who allowed three runs while not retiring any of the three batters he faced.

Collin Balester (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Royals 8, Orioles 3

In Kansas City, Mo., Omar Infante led a seven-run charge in the sixth inning to support a strong start by Kris Medlen, helping the Royals beat the Orioles.

Despite working on a pitch count, Medlen (2-0) lasted six innings in his first start since Sept. 27, 2013, with Atlanta. The right-hander allowed five hits—one of them a two-run homer by Adam Jones in the first inning—while striking out six without a walk.

Medlen, who returned last month after his second Tommy John surgery, made seven appearances out of the Kansas City bullpen before replacing Jeremy Guthrie in the starting rotation.

Infante followed a tying, two-run homer by Mike Moustakas in the sixth with a two-run triple, then scampered home when the throw to third base skittered away. Lorenzo Cain drove in two more later in the inning, spoiling what had been a promising start by Ubaldo Jimenez (9-8).

Braves 5, Rockies 3

In Atlanta, Jonny Gomes drove in three runs with two hits, including a two-run homer in the first, and the Braves beat the Rockies to end their seven-game losing streak.

Adonis Garcia snapped a 2-2 tie with a homer off Jorge De La Rosa (7-6) in the fourth. Gomes' fifth-inning single drove in Cameron Maybin, who doubled.

The losing streak was Atlanta's longest of the season. The Rockies have lost four straight.

Colorado's Charlie Blackmon and Ben Paulsen hit homers in the first and second innings, respectively. Julio Teheran (9-6) was strong after that as he allowed three runs on four hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Rockies right fielder Carlos Gonzalez left the game in the fifth with soreness in his right knee. His status is day to day.

Pirates 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, J.A. Happ pitched six scoreless innings, extending a streak of strong starts for the Pirates in a win over the Marlins.

Pittsburgh starters have thrown 19 1-3 consecutive scoreless innings, and Happ (2-1) has allowed one earned run in his past 17 1-3 innings.

The Pirates won for the sixth time in seven games to climb a season-high 27 games above .500. They have won five consecutive road games since Aug. 13, and they're 4-0 this year against Miami.

Tom Koehler (8-12) allowed two runs in six innings. He lost his sixth start in a row, and against the Pirates he fell to 0-4 in four career starts.

Gregory Polanco had a season-high four hits and drove in a run. Andrew McCutchen hit a two-out, two-run double in the third, and Neil Walker contributed a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Cardinals 5, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Lance Lynn pitched six effective innings with the help of four double plays and Yadier Molina hit a two-run single in the seventh inning, lifting the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday night.

Lynn (10-8) allowed two runs on nine hits and induced three straight inning-ending double plays, including with the bases loaded in the fourth and fifth. Trevor Rosenthal gave up a run-scoring single to David Peralta in the ninth inning before closing out his 39th save.

Matt Carpenter hit a solo homer off Jhoulys Chacin (0-1) and the Cardinals broke open a tie game with a three-run seventh inning. The Cardinals, who have the best record in baseball, have won 10 of their last 11 games against Arizona.

Arizona's Wellington Castillo hit a solo homer, but flew out with the bases loaded to end the seventh.

Red Sox 5, White Sox 4

In Chicago, Rusney Castillo homered and drove in a career-high five runs, Joe Kelly won his fifth straight outing and the Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4 on Monday night.

Kelly (7-6) allowed five hits and two runs over 7 1-3 innings while walking one and striking out three. He became the first Red Sox pitcher since Clay Buchholz in 2013 to win five straight starts.

Jean Machi pitched the ninth for his second save in two opportunities.

Castillo went 3 for 4 and finished a triple shy of the cycle. His sixth-inning double to the right-center field gap drove in two runs and extended Boston's lead to 5-1.

Jeff Samardzija (8-10) dropped a career-worst fifth straight decision. After giving up Castillo's two-run double, Samardzija allowed the next two hitters to reach before being pulled after surrendering his second walk.

Athletics 11, Mariners 5

In Seattle, Danny Valencia homered and Stephen Vogt doubled twice in Oakland's seven-run fifth inning, and the Athletics climbed out of a big hole against Hisashi Iwakuma for an 11-5 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

Josh Reddick also went deep and drove in three runs for the A's, who rallied after starter Felix Doubront exited early with a bruised foot.

Oakland trailed 5-0 in the fifth after Iwakuma (5-3), who tossed a no-hitter Aug. 12 at Safeco Field against Baltimore, allowed just one single through four innings.

Vogt got the outburst started with a leadoff double. Two outs later, Billy Burns and Mark Canha connected on consecutive two-run doubles to make it 5-4.

Reddick tied it with an infield single and Valencia hit his 12th home run, bouncing it off the top of the left-center wall.

Vogt doubled again before Brett Lawrie lined out to left field, finally ending the inning.

IndyCar driver Justin Wilson dies of head injury

By JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

IndyCar driver Justin Wilson died Monday night from a head injury suffered when a piece of debris struck him at Pocono Raceway. He was 37.

IndyCar made the announcement at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Wilson, a British driver who lived outside Denver in Longmont, Colorado, was hit in the head during Sunday's race by piece of debris that had broken off another car. Wilson's car veered into an interior wall at the track, and he was swiftly taken by helicopter to a hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

"Can't even begin to describe the loss I feel right now. He was my Brother, my best friend, my role model and mentor. He was a champion!" his younger brother, Stefan, also an IndyCar driver, tweeted. Stefan Wilson said his brother's organs would be donated.

The last IndyCar driver to die from an on-track incident was Indianapolis 500 champion Dan Wheldon, who was killed in the 2011 season finale at Las Vegas after his head hit a post in the fence when his car went airborne.

After Wheldon's death, Wilson became one of three driver representatives to serve as a liaison between the competitors and IndyCar. It was no surprise: The 6-foot-4 Wilson, easily the tallest in the series, was well liked.

"Justin's elite ability to drive a race car was matched by his unwavering kindness, character and humility - which is what made him one of the most respected members of the paddock," said Mark Miles, CEO of Hulman & Co., the parent company of IndyCar and Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Wilson won seven times over 12 seasons in open-wheel racing and finished as high as fifth in the Indianapolis 500. An acclaimed sports car racer, Wilson won the prestigious 24 Hours of Daytona with Michael Shank Racing, and he competed in 20 Formula One races in 2003 before moving to the U.S. to join Champ Car.

He finished third in the Champ Car standings in 2005, and was runner-up in both 2006 and 2007. To support his career, his management team in 2003 created a program that allowed fans to invest in the driver. Hundreds of people bought shares in Wilson, who was dyslexic and a strong supporter of foundations related to the disorder.

Wilson, a native of Sheffield, England, entered this season without a full-time ride. He latched on with Andretti Autosport and was in the sixth of seven scheduled races with the team. The agreement began as a two-race deal for events at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and then was increased to the final five races of the year. The IndyCar season concludes Sunday in Sonoma, California.

Eagles, NFL disagree over hit on Sam Bradford's knees

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The NFL says Terrell Suggs' hit on Sam Bradford's knees on Saturday night wasn't illegal and shouldn't have been a penalty.

Chip Kelly disagrees.

Suggs was called for roughing the passer after a low hit on Bradford in the first quarter of Philadelphia's 40-17 win over Baltimore. He argued the quarterback is fair game on zone-read plays. Dean Blandino, the league's vice president of officiating, agreed.

"Because the quarterback has an option, he's considered a runner until he either clearly doesn't have the football or he re-establishes himself as a passer," Blandino said Monday.

"So it's not a foul by rule. It's something that we'll make sure that we cover with our game officials because the defensive end coming off the edge, he doesn't know if the quarterback is going to keep it, he doesn't know if he's going to take off and run or drop back and so we treat the quarterback in that instance as a runner until he clearly re-establishes as a passer or he clearly doesn't have the football. The referee felt it was late so we'll clarify that and make sure everyone is on the same page."

But Kelly said the play was a simple handoff out of a shotgun formation. Replays show Bradford didn't attempt to carry out a fake.

AP

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Sam Bradford moves off the field after practice at NFL football training camp, Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, in Philadelphia.

"That's not a zone-read play. On a zone-read play, a quarterback can get hit," Kelly said. "Not every shotgun run is a zone-read play. We don't run as much zone-read as everybody thinks we do. Are they going to hit every quarterback in the league when they hand off in a shotgun?

"That's up to the league. Sam wasn't going anywhere. If you watched him, he was handing the ball off. If our quarterback hands the ball off and isn't going anywhere, you shouldn't be able to hit him. That's the way the rule has been explained to us."

Kelly said he hasn't spoken to Blandino yet.

"I think it'll be troubling for the league if every quarterback in the shotgun can get it (after a handoff)," Kelly said. "It's up to (the NFL) on how they want to handle it. If that's what they want to do, then we all have to adjust because everybody in the league has runs out of the shotgun."

Bradford played his first game since his second ACL surgery in 11 months. He was upset with the hit. Left tackle Jason Peters called it "dirty" and suggested it was premeditated.

"When you run the read-option, you have to know the rules," Suggs said. "If you want to run the read-option with your starting quarterback that's had two knee surgeries, that's on you. That's not my responsibility to update you on the rule. I could've hit him harder on that. I didn't. I eased up."

Bradford wants the league to take a closer look at the rule and zone-read plays.

"I think there's just probably just some gray area as far as what a zone-read is," Bradford said. "You running a play out of the shotgun doesn't mean it's a zone-read. We have a lot of plays in our offense where there are absolutely no reads for us, it's an automatic give. I think the league is probably just going have to clarify what a zone-read is."

Ravens coach John Harbaugh defended his player, agreeing with Blandino.

"I'm happy they came out and told the full story on that," he said. "As I read most of the Eagles quotes, I thought they understood the play. One or two of them didn't understand the play, and you started popping off about somebody's character, you've crossed the line. That's not really something that we would really respect. But most of those guys over there understood the play and that 55 was playing hard and trying to get it stopped. The quarterback is not a passer, he's a runner.

Source: Hornets sign Kidd-Gilchrist to $52M extension

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Michael Kidd-Gilchrist has agreed to a four-year, $52 million contract extension with the Charlotte Hornets, a person familiar with the situation said Monday.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the move hasn't been announced.

Yahoo Sports was first to report the deal.

The 6-foot-7, 232-pound Kidd-Gilchrist is known primarily for his defense but increased his offensive output last season. He averaged a career-high 10.9 points, 7.6 rebounds and 1.4 assists, although he was limited to 55 games due to injuries. He shot 46.5 percent from the field.

Kidd-Gilchrist, 21, was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2012 NBA draft, taken one spot behind his former Kentucky teammate Anthony Davis.

Kidd-Gilchrist worked tirelessly last season alongside former NBA All-Star and ex-Hornets assistant coach Mark Price to improve his jump shot with some success. Price has moved on to become the head coach of the Charlotte 49ers, but has praised Kidd-Gilchrist for his willingness to change an awkward-looking shot filled with flawed fundamentals.

Kidd-Gilchrist has clearly become a favorite of Hornets coach Steve Clifford.

"He's totally changed his shooting mechanics really more than any player I've ever seen," Clifford told The Associated Press in April. "It's increased his confidence level. His whole leadership, assertiveness on the court and his understanding of the game has come out more for his teammates as he's gotten more confident."

The Hornets were 27-28 with Kidd-Gilchrist in the lineup last season and 6-21 without him. He had 12 double-doubles last season compared to just one in 2013-14.

SWEEP

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the Solomon Islands' Christma Au and Kiribati's Caroline Mwang.

In other results, the North crew also emerged victorious in the boys U14 division after slipping past the West squad. 2-1.

Robbie Schorr drew first blood for the North, as he pulled off a hard earned 6-4, 6-7 (3), 10-7 victory over singles champion Clement Mainguy of Vanuatu. It was sweet revenge for Schorr, as he fell to Mainguy in a three-set semifinal match during the first week of individual competition in the POJC.

Schorr also played in the first doubles match with fellow CNMI bet Ken Song, but they lost to Mainguy and Kiribati's Banien Ioera, 4-6, 3-6, allowing the West crew to force a deadlock and set up a deciding second doubles tiff. In the second doubles, the CNMI's Vincent Tudela joined forces with the Federated States of Micronesia's Joab William and they clinched the win for the North team after sweeping Vanuatu's Marlin Hannam and Tuvalu's Gawin Molotii, 6-4, 6-4.

In the girls U12 division, the Conatsu Kaga-led North squad had a similar 2-1 win over the East Pacific Team. Kaga gave the North a victory in the only singles match in the pairing after topping Tahiti's Meherio Tautu, 6-2, 6-4, and later teamed up with sister Coume in sweeping Tautu and Chrissy Vonge, also of Tahiti, 6-0, 7-5.

The East crew averted a North sweep when Samoa's Leafine Cronin and American Samoa Jireh Warren outlasted the CNMI's Ericka Tuttle and FSM's Anne Skilling in an extended doubles game, 7-6 (5), 0-6, 10-2.

In the girls U16, singles champion Carol Lee towed the North to a 2-1 win against the East squad. Lee eased past Samoa's Anasis Saipele in the singles, 6-2, 6-1, and secured the victory for the North group after partnering with Isabel Heras in dominating Saipele and Tahiti's Guitton in the first singles match, 6-1, 6-1. The East foiled the North's bid for a 3-0 win after Tahiti's Lea Lamorelle and American Samoa's Michelle Miller downed the CNMI's Ami Tsukagoshi and Guam's Tara Lee in the other doubles tiff, 6-3, 6-2.

The victory against the East team allowed Lee and company to bounce back from a 0-3 loss in the morning match versus the West squad. Carol Lee played only in the first doubles game and she and Heras bowed to the Solomon Islands' Georjimar Row and Vinda Teally, 6-7 (5), 3-6. Palau's Ayana Rengiil played the lone singles match for the North and retired after the first set, which Row won, 6-2. Tara Lee and Tsukagoshi also teamed up in the second doubles match and were blanked by Fiji's Ruby Coffin and Vienna Kumar.

In the boys U12 division, Ji Min Woo and teammate Jerson Freddy of FSM eked out a 6-4, 6-3, win over Tahiti's Elie Monovai and Samoa's Corey Duseigneur in the second doubles match. However, the victory was not enough to lift the North past the East crew, which prevailed in the first two games to earn the win. Tahiti's Vaitea Molinier bagged the first triumph for the East after sweeping Guam's Andrew Leng, 6-0, 6-0, and then the former partnered with American Samoa's Phillip Warren in beating Leng and the CNMI's Seung Jin Paik, 6-1, 6-3.

GUAM

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hit Saipan last Aug. 2.

"It was a hard but fun race with my Kitty Killers teammates Cameron O'Neal, Charlie Epperson. Thank you to the organizers for putting this together and to the volunteers who made the road safe for six hours. Thank you to all riders for their support to Saipan," said Carey, who started her cycling and triathlon careers on Saipan before moving to Guam a couple of years ago.

"We all want to help you guys. I know Saipan people are strong so keep your heads up," she added.

Meanwhile, the Race For Saipan was made possible through the help of Docomo Pacific, Triple J, volunteers from Navy SeaBees, Flamingo Restaurant, Poki-Fry, Port of Mocha, Java Hut, TakeCare Insurance Company, Inc, TUNU Guam, Guam Fit, SUP Shack Guam, and Essence Hair Salon. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

SWIMMERS

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swimming, and open water swimming. Of course what they watched the most was the swimming competitions. Victoria C hentsova was fun to watch. She would be talking with different athletes in English, but when they learned she could speak Russian, they really got interested in her story," the CNMI coach added.

Chentsova set both CNMI national and 17 to 18 age group records in the 400m freestyle (4:44.15) and 800m freestyle (9:48.87), while Yanai earned age group marks (15 to 16 division) in the 50m breaststroke (31.46 seconds) and 100m breaststroke (1:09.59). All four records were certified by the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation.

As for Sugie and De Jesus, they beat their seed times in two events each. Sugie clocked in at 27.26 seconds in the 50m freestyle and 1:00.23 in the 100m freestyle to surpass his seed times of 27.56 seconds and 1:00.67, respectively. De Jesus had the same achievements in the 50m butterfly (33.86 seconds from 34.99) and 50m freestyle (30.57 seconds from 30.68).

Besides setting records, the four CNMI swimmers also got tips on registering faster times in their events.

"One of the more valuable activities was a swimming evaluation of each of our swimmers. The evaluation methods used a camera connected to a computer and an accelerometer. This allowed precise synchronization between the video and drops in forward speed, allowing the evaluator to give specific changes the swimmers needed to make to swim faster. The swimmers were also given drills for correcting the weaknesses in their strokes," Welch said.

Meanwhile, Welch thanked the people of Kazan for giving the CNMI delegation a warm welcome and Delta Air Lines for taking care of the team during a stopover in Japan.

"I cannot say enough good things about the treatment we got in Kazan. Everyone was helpful and the village was safe, comfortable, and filled with athletes from 180 different countries. The swimmers quickly made friends or renewed friendships with their Oceania brothers and sisters. It was more like being part of the Oceania team than just representing the CNMI," Welch said.

"Our itinerary included a day in Japan followed by a week and three days in Kazan, followed by a day in Moscow and one more day in Japan. The extra day in Japan was due to Delta's flight schedule change caused by the typhoon. Delta did an outstanding job of accommodating the situation that was beyond their control. They provided us with hotel rooms and then flew us back to Saipan in business class because the rest of the flight was sold out," he added.

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Sweep for CNMI girls U14 team

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Mimi Sakano, seen here making a baseline return in a local tournament at the Pacific Islands Club court early this year, helped the North Pacific Team sweep the West crew in the girls U14 team event in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships yesterday in Fiji.

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The CNMI's girls U14 players gave the North Pacific a good start in the team event in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships as they swept their foes yesterday at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji.

Tania Tan handed the North Pacific Team the outright win in their age group after prevailing in the first two matches against the West Pacific. Tan swept Vanuatu's Rosalie Molballeh in the lone singles game, 6-1, 6-1, and then teamed up with Malika Miyawaki in surviving Molballeh and another Vanuatu player, Daisy Spiti, in three sets. The CNMI pair dropped the opening set, 3-6, but saved the victory after winning the last two, 6-3, 10-8.

Miyawaki played her second doubles match of the day and this time partnered with Mimi Sakano in completing the North Pacific's sweep in the girls U14 team event following their 6-2, 6-1 triumph over

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Guam bikers hold Race For Saipan

Former Saipan residents Mieko Carey and Lewie Teronio led a group of Guam bikers in participating in Race For Saipan last Sunday at Two Lover's Point trail.

Carey and her Kitty Killers teammates Charlie Epperson and Cameron O'Neal completed 14 laps in the six-hour race that started at 6am and ended at 12pm. PGB Mamam Buddies had the second most laps with 13, while Team PARDS and Team Batman registered 11 laps each.

In the solo division, Patrick Camacho topped the men's field with his 12 laps, while Rose Dan Aponik came in at second with 11 laps, and Tenorio rounded out the Top 3 with his nine laps. In the women's division, three bikers tied for first with Michelle Santos, Blanda Camacho, and Tara Reyes Tydingco having six laps apiece.

The race, which was organized by BikeFix's Derek and Monessa Horton and Eric Tydingco, raised $2,500. The money will be turned over to Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation, which will distribute the donation to its members affected by Typhoon Soudelor that

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Mieko Carey shows the Hell of Marianas race shirt she wore in last Sunday's Race For Saipan in Guam to support Typhoon Soudelor victims.

'Excellent job from CNMI swimmers'

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Coach Valrick Welch noted the CNMI swimmers' excellent job in and off the pool during the 16th FINA World Championships held early this month at Kazan Areana in Kazan, Russia.

"Our swimmers did an excellent job of being CNMI ambassadors. They all beat their seed times, were respectful of the many different cultures, and cheered on their friends and others they have never met," said Welch who was talking of Victoria Chentsova, Kaito Yanai, Takumi Sugie, and Angel De Jesus.

"They enjoyed watching all of the different FINA-sponsored events including high diving (20 meters and 35 meters), indoor diving (10 meters and lower), water polo, synchronized

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The CNMI's Kaito Yanai, center first row, Angel De Jesus, second right first row, Takumi Sugie, left second row, and Victoria Chentsova, third second row, pose with the rest of the Pacific Oceania swimmers during the closing ceremony for the 16th FINA World Championships held early this month in Kazan, Russia.